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(54) **Heteroaryl-amino- and heteroaryl-oxy-pyridinamines and related compounds, a process for their preparation and their use as medicaments**

Heteroaryl-amino- und Heteroaryl-oxy-pyridinamine und verwandte Verbindungen, Verfahren zu ihrer Herstellung und ihre Anwendung als Arzneimittel

Hétéroaryl-amino- et hétéroaryl-oxy-pyridinamines et composés apparentés, procédé pour leur préparation et leur utilisation comme médicaments

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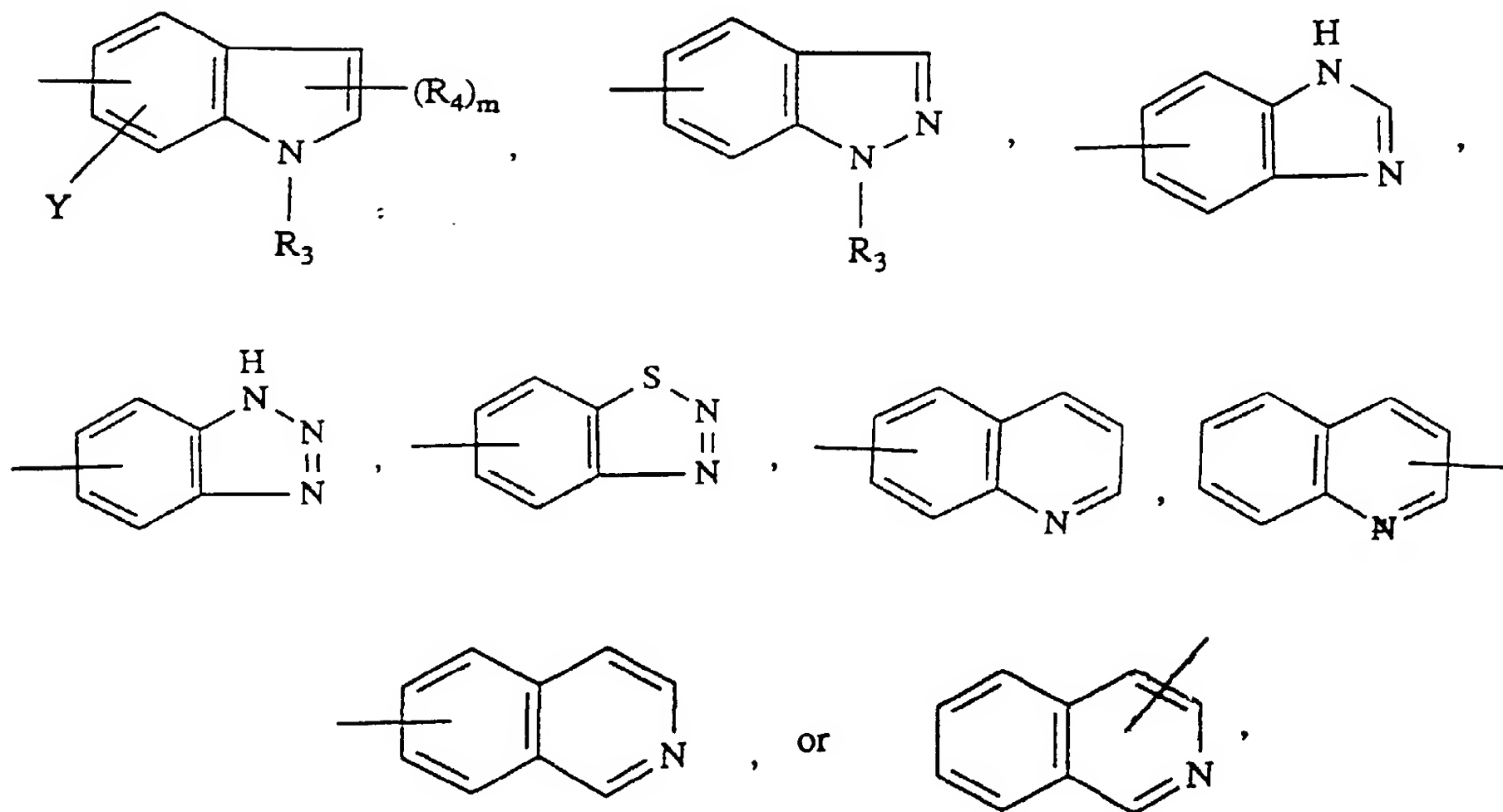
The present invention relates to heteroarylamino- and heteroaryloxypyridinamines and related compounds, a process for their preparation and their use as medicaments

US-A-4 144 341 discloses 3-nitropyridinyl-indanyl-amine derivatives as intermediates in the formation of compounds having analgesic, antipyretic and/or anti-inflammatory effects.

EP-A-0 237 467 discloses the compound 4-(5-nitro-2-pyridyloxy)-indol as an intermediate in the formation of compounds having CNS activity.

RN1C=CC=C(NC2=CC=CC=C2O2)C=C1X[R1] (Ia)

n is 0 or 1;  
X is O or NR<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> being hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylcarbonyl;  
R is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, phenyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylcarbonyl where phenyl is optionally mono-substituted with a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, halogen or trifluoromethyl group; and  
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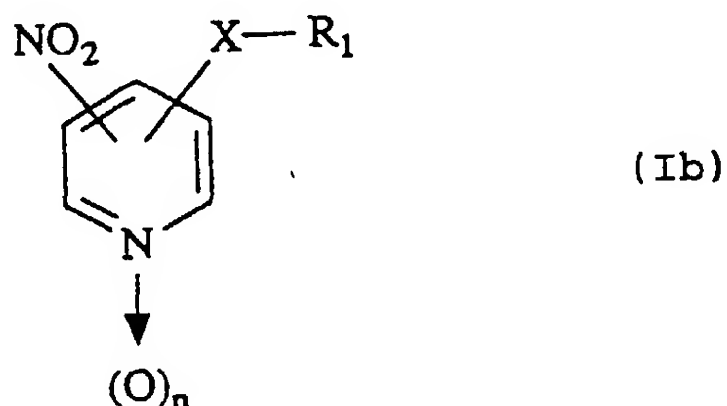


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hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylcarbonyl; m is 1 or 2; each R<sub>4</sub> is independently hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl; and Y is hydrogen, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy or trifluoromethyl;

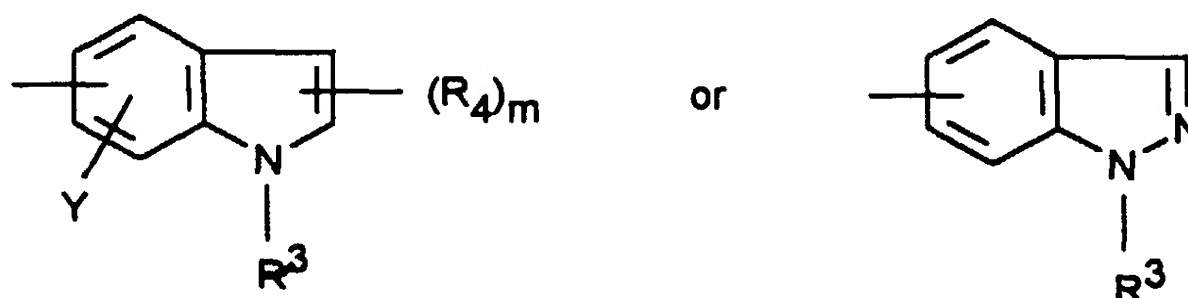
which compounds are useful as topical antiinflammatory agents for the treatment of various dermatoses including, for example, exogenous dermatitides (e.g. sunburn, photoallergic dermatitis, urticaria, contact dermatitis, allergic dermatitis), endogenous dermatitides (e.g. atopic dermatitis, seborrheic dermatitis, nummular dermatitis), dermatitides of unknown etiology (e.g. generalized exfoliative dermatitis), and other cutaneous disorders with an inflammatory component (e.g. psoriasis).

Also included within the scope of this invention are compounds of Formula Ib where n, X and R<sub>1</sub> are as defined above, but excluding the compound 4-(5-nitro-2-pyridyloxy)-indol, which are useful for the same dermatological applications as mentioned above and also as direct precursors of the compounds of Formula Ia.



Compounds of Formula Ia and Ib are preferred in which

X is O or NH and R is H. Preferably also, R<sub>1</sub> is



where Y is hydrogen or halogen, and R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> and m are as defined above. More preferably Y is hydrogen or chlorine, R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, methyl or acetyl and R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen or methyl. Advantageously the compound is of the Formula Ia where R is H and n is O or the compound of the Formula Ib where n is 1.

The present invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition which comprises as the active ingredient a compound as shown in Formula Ia or Formula Ib and a suitable carrier therefor.

The present invention also provides the use of a compound of the Formula Ia or Ib for the preparation of a medicament being effective against skin disorders.

Unless otherwise stated or indicated, the following definitions shall apply throughout the specification and the appended claims.

The term (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl shall mean a straight or branched alkyl group having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms. Examples of said (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, iso-butyl, sec-butyl, t-butyl and straight- and branched-chain pentyl and hexyl. The term halogen shall mean fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine.

The term phenyl shall mean a phenyl group optionally mono-substituted with a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, halogen or trifluoromethyl group.

Throughout the specification and the appended claims, a given chemical formula or name shall encompass all stereo, optical, geometrical and tautomeric isomers where such isomers exist.

The compounds of this invention are prepared by utilizing one or more of the synthetic steps described below.

Throughout the description of the synthetic steps, the notations R, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, X, Y, m and n shall have the respective meanings given above unless otherwise stated or indicated, and other notations shall have the respective meanings defined in their first appearances unless otherwise stated or indicated.

STEP A:

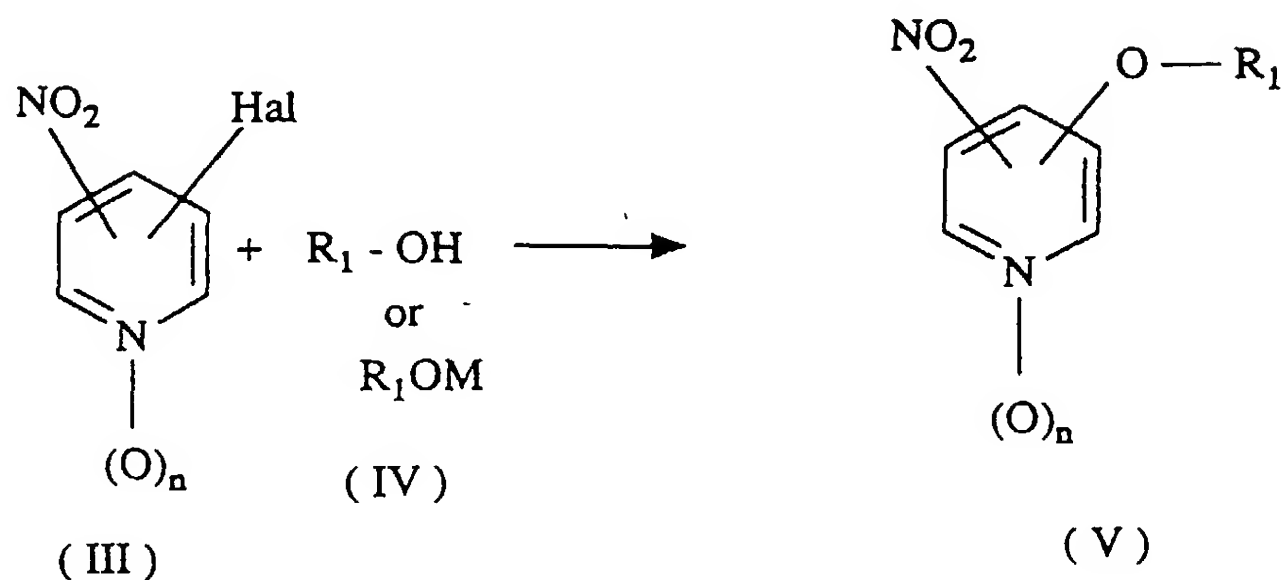
A compound of Formula III where Hal is F or Cl, preferably F, is allowed to react with a compound of Formula IV where M is Na, K or Li to afford a compound of Formula V.

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This reaction is typically conducted in a suitable solvent such as ethanol, dimethylformamide, dimethylsulfoxide or N-methylpyrrolidone at a temperature of about 0 to 150°C.

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3-Fluoro-4-nitropyridine-N-oxide, which belongs to the group of compounds of Formula III, is disclosed in Talik and Talik, Roczniki Chemii, Volume 38, 777 (1964). 4-Chloro-3-nitropyridine, which also belongs to the group of compounds of Formula III, is disclosed in Talik, et al., Roczniki Chemii, Volume 43(5), 923 (1969).

STEP B:

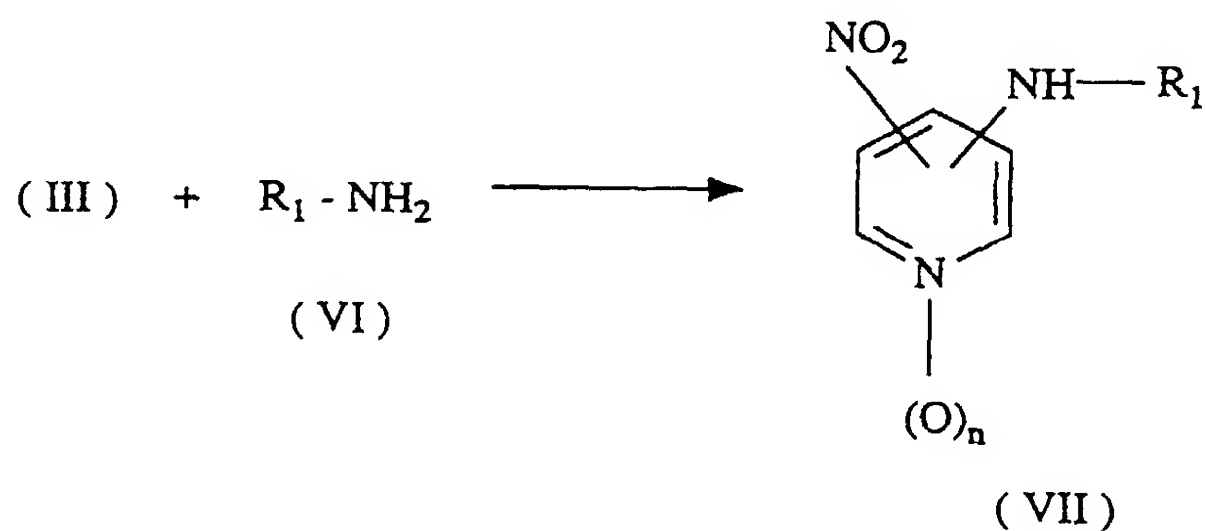
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Compound III is allowed to react with a compound of Formula VI to afford a compound of Formula VII.

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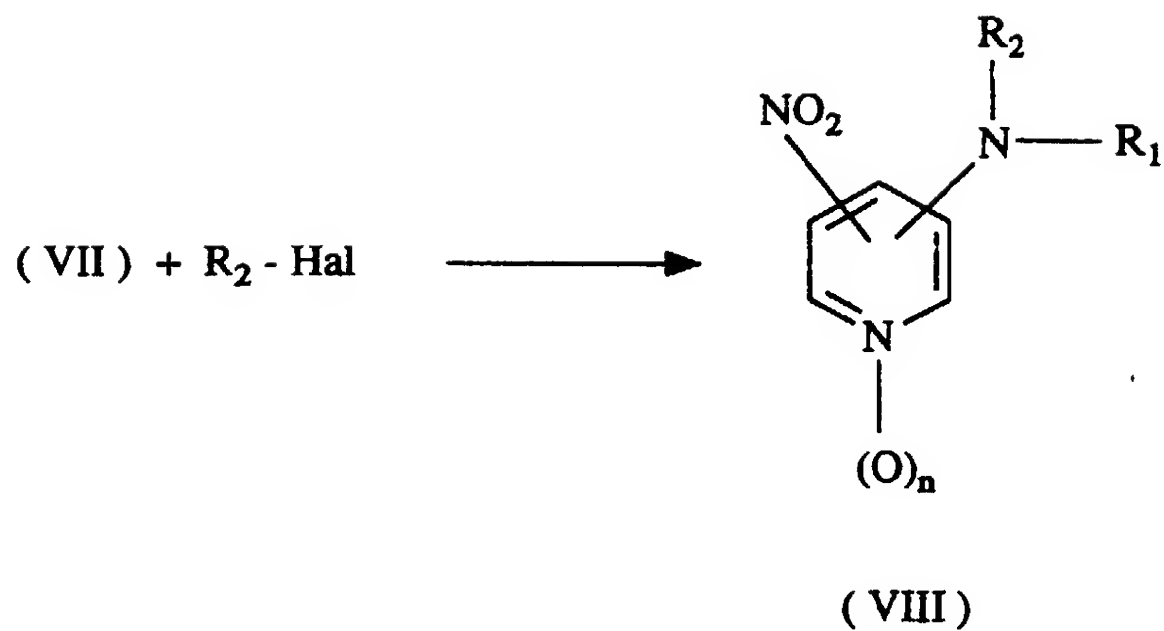
This reaction is typically conducted in the presence of a suitable solvent such as ethanol, dimethylformamide, dimethylsulfoxide or N-methylpyrrolidone at a temperature of about 0 to 150°C.

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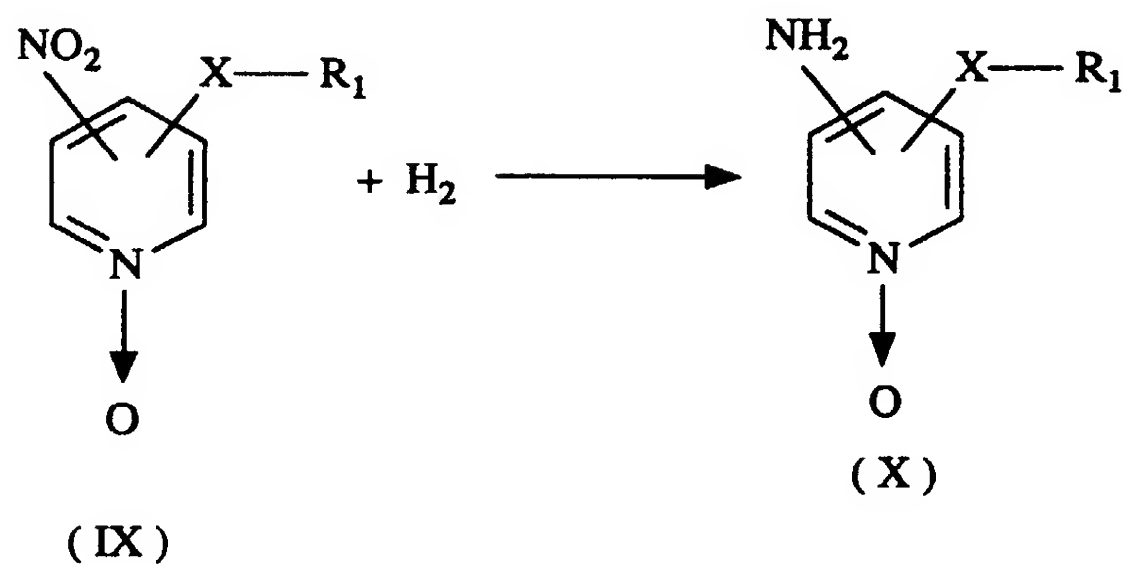
STEP C:

Compound VII is allowed to react with a compound of the formula,  $\text{R}_2 - \text{Hal}$ , where  $\text{R}_2$  is  $(\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_6)$ alkyl or  $(\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_6)$  alkylcarbonyl and Hal is bromine or chlorine in a routine manner known to the art to afford a compound of Formula VIII.

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STEP D:

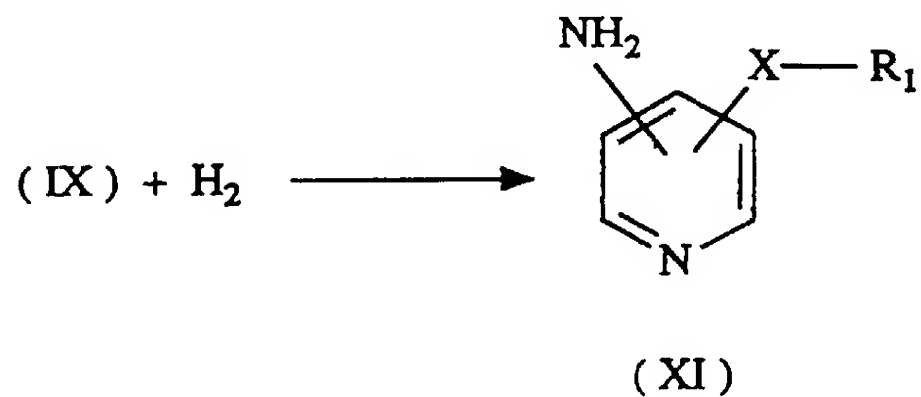
A compound of Formula IX which is obtained from STEP A, B or C is selectively hydrogenated to afford a compound of Formula X.



This selective hydrogenation is typically conducted with the aid of a suitable catalyst such as Pd/C, Pt/C or PtO<sub>2</sub> and a suitable medium such as ethanol at a temperature of about 20 to 80°C.

STEP E:

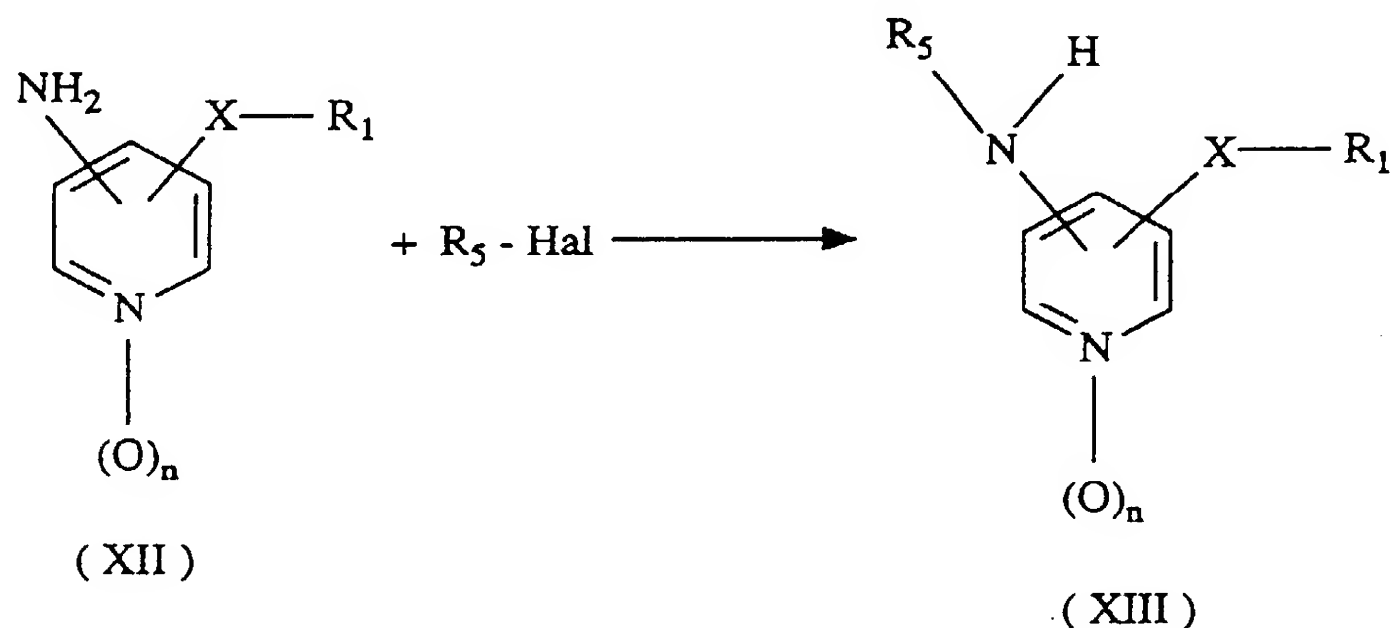
Compound IX is catalytically hydrogenated in a manner similar to the one described in STEP D above, except that a longer reaction period or higher reaction temperature is preferably employed, to afford a compound of Formula XI.



Instead of using compound IX in the above reaction, one can also use compound X and conduct the hydrogenation in substantially the same manner as described above to obtain compound XI.

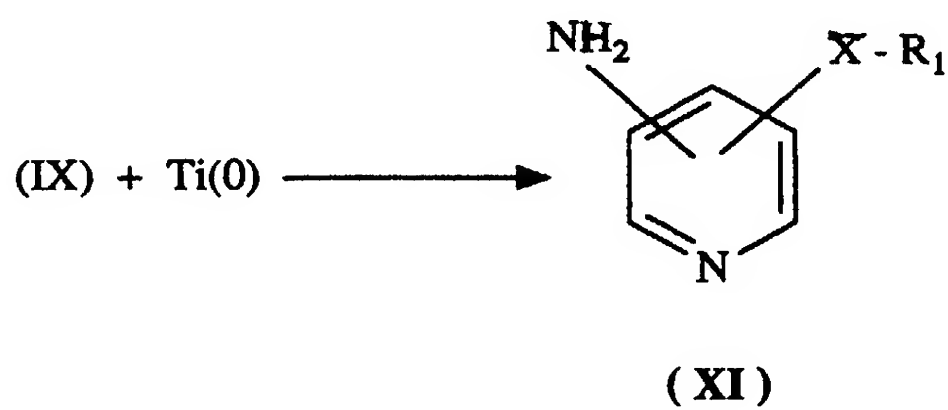
#### STEP F:

A compound of Formula XII obtained from STEP D, E or G is allowed to react with a compound of the formula,  $R_5\text{-Hal}$ , where  $R_5$  is  $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl, phenyl $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl or  $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkylcarbonyl and Hal is bromine or chlorine, in a routine manner known to the art to afford a compound of Formula XIII.



#### STEP G:

Compound IX is reduced with a titanium (0) reagent in a routine manner known to the art to afford Compound XI.



Typically, the titanium (0) reagent is prepared by combining a reducing agent, such as lithium aluminum hydride or magnesium metal, to titanium tetrachloride in an ethereal solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, diisopropyl ether, or 1,2-dimethoxyethane.

Compounds of Formula I and Formula II according to this invention are useful as topical agents for the treatment of various skin disorders such as those mentioned earlier. The dermatological activities of the compounds of this invention were ascertained with reference to the following methods.

#### DERMATOLOGICAL TEST METHODS

##### Phospholipase $A_2$ -induced Paw Edema (PIPE)

The ability of compounds to prevent naja naja (snake venom) phospholipase  $A_2$ -induced paw edema in male Wistar rats (100-125 g) was measured.  $PLA_2$  (3 units/paw) alone or with 0.1 M of the test compound was injected in the subplantar region of the rat left hindpaw. Immediately subsequent to the injection and at two hours post administration the paw was immersed in a mercury bath, and paw displacement was measured on a recorder via a transducer. (Standard: hydrocortisone  $ED_{50}=0.46$  M). See Giessler, A.J. et al., **Agents and Actions**, Vol. 10, Trends in Inflammation Research (1981), p. 195.

In Vitro Phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> Assay (PLA<sub>2</sub>)

The ability of a compound to modulate PLA<sub>2</sub> activity (cleavage of <sup>14</sup>C-dipalmitoyl phosphatidylcholine at the 2-position to <sup>14</sup>C-palmitic acid) was quantitated in this assay. The reaction mixture contained Tris buffer (25mM), pH 8.0, calcium chloride (2.0 mM), bovine serum albumin (0.5 mg), dipalmitoyl phosphatidylcholine (8x10<sup>-5</sup>M), (<sup>14</sup>C-palmitoyl) dipalmitoyl phosphatidylcholine (6x10<sup>3</sup> cpm), porcine pancreatic PLA<sub>2</sub> (3.2 units) and the test compound. The reaction was run at 37°C in a shaking incubator. The reaction was quenched and an internal standard was added in order to determine sample recovery. The samples were loaded onto C<sub>18</sub> columns, eluted with ethanol, and the radioactivity was then measured. (Standard: quinacrine IC<sub>50</sub>=3.5x10<sup>-4</sup>M). See Feyen, J.H.M., et al., **Journal of Chromatography** 259 (1983), pp. 338-340.

Arachidonic Acid-Induced Ear Edema (AAEE)

The purpose of this assay was to determine the ability of a topically-applied compound to prevent mouse ear edema induced by topical application of arachidonic acid. Female Swiss Webster mice topically received vehicle or test compound (1.0 mg/ear) on both ears (10 µl on outer and inner ears). After 30 minutes, the right ear of all groups received arachidonic acid (4 mg/ear) and the left ear received vehicle alone. After an additional 1 hour, the mice were sacrificed and an ear punch (4 mm) was taken from each ear. The difference in right and left ear punch weights for each animal was determined to assess activity. (Standard: indomethacin ED<sub>50</sub> = 1.5 mg/ear). See Young, J.M. et al., **J. Invest. Dermatol.**, 80, (1983), pp 48-52.

TPA-Induced Ear Edema (TPAEE)

The purpose of this assay was to determine the ability of a topically-applied compound to prevent ear edema induced by topical application of TPA (phorbol 12-myristate acetate). Female Swiss Webster mice topically received TPA (10µg/ear) on the right ear and vehicle on the left ear. The test compound (10 µg/ear) was applied to both ears. After five hours, the animals were sacrificed and an ear punch (4 mm) was taken from each ear. The difference in right and left ear punch weights for each animal was determined to assess activity. (Standard: hydrocortisone ED<sub>50</sub>=47 µg/ear). See Young, J.M. et al., **J. Invest. Dermatol.**, 80 (1983), pp. 48-52.

Cultured Human Keratinocyte DNA Synthesis (in vitro DNA)

The effect of a compound on the proliferation of cultured human epidermal keratinocytes was measured. After incubation with a test compound for 24 hours, the cultures were pulse-labelled for three hours with 5µCi of <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine. The cultures were extracted for DNA successively with trichloroacetic acid and ethanol, and thereafter dissolved with NaOH. The radioactive incorporation of <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine into DNA was determined. (Standard: indomethacin IC<sub>50</sub>=3.8x10<sup>-5</sup>M).

Epidermal DNA Synthesis (in vivo DNA)

The influence of compounds on the proliferation of skin was assessed by determining inhibition or stimulation of DNA synthesis. HRS/J hairless mice received topical application of a compound or vehicle alone on the dorsal aspect. After 24 hours, <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine (25 µCi) was administered by intraperitoneal injection. After an additional hour, animals were sacrificed and the dorsal skin was removed. The epidermal layer was peeled from the dermis by heat separation. Unincorporated <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine was removed by washing successively with trichloroacetic acid and ethanol. Samples were centrifuged at 2,000 rpm and supernatants discarded. The epidermal sheets were then extracted with warm trichloroacetic acid and the supernatants analyzed for <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine incorporation by scintillation counting and total DNA by a standard colorimetric assay. (Standard: indomethacin ED<sub>50</sub>=1.75 mg/animal). See Lowe, N.J., et al., **Arch. Dermatol.**, 117 (1981), pp. 394-8; and Burton, K., **Biochem. J.** 62 (1956), pp. 315-22.

Dermatological activities for some of the compounds of this invention are presented in Table 1.

TABLE 1

|    | Compound   | PIPE* (0.1 M) | PLA <sub>2</sub> * (0.01 M) | AAEE (1 mg) | TPAEE (10 µg) | in vivo DNA (25 mg) | in vitro DNA (50 µM) |
|----|--|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 5  | N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine, N <sup>5</sup> -oxide          |               | -71%                        |             |               |                     |                      |
| 10 |  |               |                             |             |               |                     |                      |
| 15 | 1-Methyl-N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine, N <sup>5</sup> -oxide | -41%          | -66%                        |             | -30%          |                     |                      |
| 20 | N-(3-Nitro-4-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine                                 |               | -36%                        |             |               |                     |                      |
| 25 | N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine, N <sup>7</sup> -oxide          |               |                             |             | -40%          |                     |                      |
| 30 | N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amine N <sup>5</sup> -oxide         |               |                             |             | -78%          |                     |                      |
| 35 |  |               |                             |             |               |                     |                      |
| 40 | N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-6-amine, N <sup>6</sup> -oxide        |               | -83%                        |             |               |                     |                      |
| 45 | N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine                                 | -67%          | -87%                        | -41%        | -85%          | -27%                | -81%                 |
| 50 | N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine                        | -42%          | -62%                        |             |               |                     |                      |
| 55 | N-(3-Amino-4-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine                                 |               | -82%                        | -37%        |               |                     |                      |

\* difference in edema vs.control



TABLE 1 (continued)

| Compound  | PIPE* (0.1 M) | PLA <sub>2</sub> * (0.01 M) | AAEE (1 mg) | TPAEE (10 µg) | in vivo DNA (25 mg) | in vitro DNA (50 µM) |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 3-[(1H-Indol-5-yl)-oxy]-4-pyridinamine                          | -62%          | -34%                        | -50%        | -42%          | -37%                |                      |
| 4-[(1H-Indol-5-yl)-oxy]-3-pyridinamine                          | -52%          |                             |             |               |                     |                      |
| N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine, N <sup>7</sup> -oxide | -45%          |                             |             | -38%          |                     |                      |
| N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-6-amine                      |               | -57%                        | -35%        |               |                     |                      |

\* difference in edema vs.control

Examples of the compound of this invention include:

N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(3-Amino-4-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 3-[(1H-Indol-5-yl)oxy]-4-pyridinamine;  
 4-[(1H-Indol-5-yl)oxy]-3-pyridinamine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine, N<sup>7</sup>-oxide;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine;  
 N-(4-amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-6-amine;  
 N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide;  
 1-Methyl-N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide;  
 N-(3-Nitro-4-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine, N<sup>7</sup>-oxide;  
 N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide;  
 N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-6-amine, N<sup>6</sup>-oxide;  
 5-[(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)oxy]-1H-indole, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide;  
 5-[(3-Nitro-4-pyridinyl)oxy]-1H-indole;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine N<sup>5</sup>-oxide;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-7-chloro-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine-N<sup>5</sup>-oxide;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-N,2,3-trimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2,3-dimethyl-7-iodo-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-7-chloro-2-ethyl-3-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-7-chloro-3-ethyl-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2,3-dimethyl-7-trifluoromethyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2,3-dimethyl-7-methoxy-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-3-isopropyl-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-7-chloro-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine;

N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-7-chloro-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-7-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine;  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-3-ethyl-1H-indol-5-amine; and  
 N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-7-bromo-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine.

The following examples are presented in order to illustrate this invention:

#### EXAMPLE 1

##### N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide

A solution of 3-fluoro-4-nitropyridine-1-oxide<sup>1</sup> (5 g) and 1H-indol-5-amine (4.2 g) in 100 ml ethanol was warmed to 80° for one hour and thereafter cooled, and the product was filtered to give 8 g solid, d 244°. Three grams were recrystallized from acetonitrile to give 2.6 g solid, d 244-245°.

| ANALYSIS:  |         |        |         |
|--|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 57.77%C | 3.73%H | 20.74%N |
| Found  | 57.99%C | 3.66%H | 20.91%N |

#### EXAMPLE 2

##### 1-Methyl-N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide

A solution of 3-fluoro-4-nitropyridine-1-oxide (6 g) and 1-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine (5.5 g) in 125 ml ethanol was warmed on a steam bath for thirty minutes and thereafter cooled, diluted with ether and filtered to give 10 g solid, d 232-234°. Three grams were recrystallized from ethanol to give 2.2 g needles, d 237-238°.

| ANALYSIS:  |         |        |         |
|--|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 59.15%C | 4.25%H | 19.71%N |
| Found  | 59.31%C | 4.20%H | 19.71%N |

#### EXAMPLE 3

##### N-(3-Nitro-4-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine

To 150 ml of absolute ethanol were added 1H-indol-5-amine (8.06 g), 4-chloro-3-nitropyridine (10.0 g) and triethylamine (8.5 ml), and this mixture was heated to 60°C and stirred for 2 hours. The mixture was cooled, the ethanol evaporated, and the residue taken up in a water/ethyl acetate mixture. This was treated with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (aq) to adjust the pH to 10. The organic layer was collected, the aqueous layer extracted again with ethyl acetate, and the organics were combined, washed with water and dried (sat. NaCl, anh. MgSO<sub>4</sub>).

After filtration, the solvent was evaporated to yield a solid (14.2 g) which was eluted with 5% ethyl acetate/DCM on a silica gel column via flash method. The desired fractions were concentrated to yield a solid (6.1 g). Of this material, 2.0 g was recrystallized from absolute ethanol to yield a solid, 1.2 g, m.p. 204-206°C.

| ANALYSIS:  |         |        |         |
|--|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 61.41%C | 3.96%H | 22.04%N |
| Found  | 61.41%C | 3.96%H | 22.00%N |

#### EXAMPLE 4

##### N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine, N<sup>7</sup>-oxide

To 200 ml ethanol were added 3-fluoro-4-nitropyridine-1-oxide (6.0 g) and 1H-indol-7-amine (5.5 g). After stirring at 85°C for four hours, the mixture was cooled, and the precipitate was collected, washed with methanol, and dried at

<sup>1</sup> Talik and Talik, Rocaniki Chemii 38, 777 (1964).

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60°C overnight to give 9.9 g of solid, m.p. 250°C.

| ANALYSIS:  |         |        |         |
|--|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 57.78%C | 3.73%H | 20.73%N |
| Found  | 57.37%C | 3.54%H | 20.40%N |

### EXAMPLE 6

#### N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide

A mixture of 3-fluoro-4-nitropyridine-1-oxide (6 g) and 1H-indazol-5-amine (5.2 g) in 150 ml of ethanol was refluxed for two hours, and thereafter was cooled, diluted with ether and filtered to give 10 g solid. A 3.5 g portion was recrystallized from ethanol to give 3.0 g solid, d 250°.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 53.13%C | 3.34%H | 25.83%N |
| Found   | 52.84%C | 3.34%H | 25.36%N |

### EXAMPLE 7

#### N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-6-amine, N<sup>6</sup>-oxide

To 100 ml of ethanol were added 3-fluoro-4-nitropyridine-1-oxide (6.0 g) and 1H-indazol-6-amine (5.5 g) and this mixture was heated to 70°C and stirred for four hours. The mixture was filtered to yield a solid (9.5 g) which was recrystallized from methanol to yield a solid, 6.0 g, m.p. 247-248°C (decomposed).

| ANALYSIS :  |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 53.14%C | 3.34%H | 25.82%N |
| Found   | 52.96%C | 3.17%H | 25.72%N |

### EXAMPLE 8

#### 5-[(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)oxy]-1H-indole, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide

A solution of 5-hydroxyindole (4.8 g) in 20 ml dimethylformamide was slowly added to an ice cooled suspension of sodium hydride (0.9 g) in 5 ml dimethylformamide. After the anion formation, a solution of 3-fluoro-4-nitropyridine-1-oxide (5.7 g) in 20 ml dimethylformamide was added. After one hour the reaction mixture was stirred with ice water, extracted with chloroform and filtered. The organic extract was washed with water and saturated sodium chloride solution, dried (anhy. MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated to 3.5 g oil. This oil was purified by flash chromatography (silica, 20% ethyl acetate in dichloromethane) to give 2.2 g solid, d 208-210°. This was combined with 2 g product obtained from another condensation and recrystallized from ethanol to give 3 g, d 216-218°.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 57.57%C | 3.34%H | 15.49%N |
| Found   | 57.41%C | 3.36%H | 15.39%N |

### EXAMPLE 9

#### 5-[(3-nitro-4-pyridinyl)oxy]-1H-indole

To a solution of 5-hydroxyindole (7.45 g) in 100 ml of DMF was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10.4 g). This mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at room temperature and then a solution of 4-chloro-3-nitropyridine (11.89 g) in 50 ml DMF was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to proceed for 24 hours at room temperature. The mixture was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water and saturated NaCl solution and dried over

MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the solvent was evaporated to yield an oil (15.4 g). This material was eluted with 5% ethyl acetate/DCM on a silica gel column via HPLC. The desired fractions were concentrated to yield a solid, 1.35 g, m.p. 182-184°C.

#### EXAMPLE 10

##### N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine

A mixture of N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide (7.8 g) in 500 ml ethanol containing platinum oxide (1.25 g) was hydrogenated at 3.45 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (50 psi) for six hours and thereafter filtered and concentrated. The product was purified by flash chromatography (silica, 20% methanol in dichloromethane) to give 6 g solid, m.p. 83-90°. Three grams were distilled twice via Kugelrohr [240-250° @ 1.33 Pa (0.01 mm Hg)] to give 2.4 g solid, 138-140°.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> | 69.62%C | 5.39%H | 24.99%N |
| Found   | 69.21%C | 5.47%H | 24.80%N |

#### EXAMPLE 11

##### N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine

A suspension of 1-methyl-N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide (6.8 g) in 250 ml ethanol containing 0.4 g platinum oxide was hydrogenated at 3.45 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (50 psi) for twenty hours and thereafter filtered through Celite (Trade Mark) and concentrated to 3.5 g oil. This oil was purified by HPLC (silica 20% methanol in ethyl acetate) to give 2.5 g solid, m.p. 167-169°. This solid was recrystallized from acetonitrile/ether to give 1.1 g solid, m.p. 168-169°.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> | 70.57%C | 5.92%H | 24.51%N |
| Found   | 70.44%C | 5.96%H | 23.39%N |

#### EXAMPLE 12

##### N-(3-Amino-4-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine

To a slurry of 10% Pd/C (1.0 g) in 10 ml of methanol was added N-(3-nitro-4-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine (4.0 g) in 230 ml methanol and this mixture was hydrogenated at 3.45 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (50 psi) on a Parr apparatus. When the reaction was complete, the mixture was filtered through Celite (Trade Mark) and the filtrate concentrated to yield a solid (3.9 g). This material was eluted with 20 % methanol/DCM on a silica gel column via HPLC. The desired fractions were concentrated to yield a solid (2.45 g) which was recrystallized from ethanol/water (10:1) to yield a solid, 1.8 g, m.p. 159-161°C.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> | 69.62%C | 5.39%H | 24.98%N |
| Found   | 69.63%C | 5.46%H | 25.07%N |

#### EXAMPLE 13

##### 3-[(1H-Indol-5-yl)oxy]-4-pyridinamine

A suspension of 5-[(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)oxy]-1H-indole, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide (10 g) in 250 ml ethanol containing 0.4 g PtO<sub>2</sub> was hydrogenated at 3.45 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (50 psi) for 25 hours and thereafter filtered through Celite (Trade Mark) and concentrated to 9 g oil. This oil was purified by HPLC (silica, 10 % methanol in ethyl acetate) to give 3.5 g solid. This solid was recrystallized from acetonitrile to give 2.4 g crystals, m.p. 170-172°.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O | 69.32%C | 4.92%H | 18.65%N |
| Found   | 69.28%C | 4.80%H | 18.57%N |

**EXAMPLE 15****4-[(1H-Indol-5-yl)oxy]-3-pyridinamine**

To a slurry of 10% Pd/C (1.0 g) in 10 ml of ethanol was added 5-[(3-nitro-4-pyridinyl)oxy]-1H-indole (3.7 g) in 240 ml ethanol and this was shaken on a Parr apparatus for 1 hour. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate concentrated to yield an oil (3.1 g) which was eluted with ethyl acetate on a silica gel column via HPLC. The desired fractions were concentrated to an oil which solidified on standing to yield 2.6 g, m.p. 155-157°C.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O | 69.32%C | 4.92%H | 18.65%N |
| Found   | 69.13%C | 4.94%H | 18.46%N |

**EXAMPLE 16****N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amine**

A suspension of N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amine, N<sup>5</sup>-oxide (7 g) in 250 ml ethanol containing 0.5 g platinum oxide was hydrogenated at 4.14 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (60 psi) for sixty hours and thereafter filtered through Celite (Trade Mark) and concentrated to 3.3 g solid. This solid was purified by HPLC (silica, 25% methanol in dichloromethane) to give 2.1 g solid. This solid was recrystallized twice from acetonitrile to give 1.5 g crystals, m.p. 198-199°

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> | 63.98%C | 4.92%H | 31.10%N |
| Found   | 63.66%C | 4.88%H | 30.94%N |

**EXAMPLE 17****N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine, N<sup>7</sup>-oxide**

To 250 ml ethanol in a 500 ml Parr hydrogenation bottle were added N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine, N<sup>7</sup>-oxide (5.0 g) and 0.4 g PtO<sub>2</sub>. After shaking at ambient temperature for twenty-two hours under 3.45 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (fifty psi) hydrogen, the mixture was filtered and concentrated to a foam, 4.8 g.

This foam was eluted on a silica gel column with 30% methanol/DCM via HPLC. The desired fractions were combined and concentrated to a solid, 2.8 g, m.p. >250°C.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O | 64.99%C | 5.03%H | 23.32%N |
| Found   | 64.57%C | 5.12%H | 22.78%N |

**EXAMPLE 18****N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine**

To 250 ml ethanol in a 500 ml Parr hydrogenation bottle, were added N-(4-amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-7-amine, N<sup>7</sup>-oxide (2.8 g) and 0.3 g PtO<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was shaken at ambient temperature under 3.45 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (50 psi) hydrogen for one hour, and thereafter filtered and concentrated to an oil, (2.7 g). This oil was eluted on a silica gel column with 30% methanol/DCM via HPLC. The desired fractions were combined and concentrated to a solid, 2.1 g, m.p. 68-70°C.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> | 69.62%C | 5.40%H | 24.98%N |
| Found   | 68.98%C | 5.48%H | 24.79%N |

**EXAMPLE 19****N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-6-amine**

To PtO<sub>2</sub> (0.3 g) in 10 ml of ethanol was added N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-6-amine, N<sup>6</sup>-oxide (2.0 g) in 240 ml of ethanol and this was hydrogenated on a Parr apparatus at 4.14 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (60 psi) for 20 hours. The mixture was filtered and concentrated to an oil (2.1 g). This material was eluted with 20% methanol/DCM on a silica gel column via HPLC. The desired fractions were concentrated to a solid (0.7 g), which was recrystallized from acetonitrile to yield a solid 0.5 g, m.p. 214-216°C.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> | 63.99%C | 4.92%H | 31.09%N |
| Found   | 64.16%C | 4.92%H | 31.23%N |

**EXAMPLE 20****N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine ethanolate**

A mixture of 4-nitro-3-fluoropyridine N-oxide (5.4 g) and 5-amino-2-methylindole (5.0 g) in 100 mL of thoroughly degassed absolute ethanol was stirred at 50°C for 30 minutes and then cooled slowly to 0°C. The precipitate was collected and air dried to give 9.0 g of N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine N<sup>5</sup>-oxide as a powder. This powder was taken up in 135 mL of isopropanol and hydrogenated at 50°C over 3% platinum on carbon at 3.45 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (50 psi) in the presence of lithium hydroxide (0.26 g). Filtration and concentration left 8.0 g of a solid which was recrystallized from 32 mL of methanol giving 4.9 g of crystals. This material was then azeotroped repeatedly with absolute ethanol and dried at 85°C to give 2.4 g of crystals, mp = 96-98°C.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O | 67.58%C | 7.09%H | 19.70%N |
| Found   | 67.50%C | 7.05%H | 19.88%N |

**EXAMPLE 21****N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine N<sup>5</sup>-oxide hemihydrate**

A mixture of 4-nitro-3-fluoropyridine N-oxide (5.4 g) and 5-amino-2-methylindole (5.0 g) in 100 mL of thoroughly degassed absolute ethanol was stirred at 50°C for 30 minutes and then cooled slowly to 0°C. The precipitate was collected and air dried to give 8.2 g of N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-2-methyl-1H-indol-5-amine N<sup>5</sup>-oxide as a powder. This powder was taken up in 255 mL of absolute ethanol and hydrogenated at room temperature over 3% platinum on carbon at 3.45 x 10<sup>5</sup> Pa (50 psi). Filtration and concentration left 6.4 of a solid which was purified by HPLC (7:3 dichloromethane/methanol) to give 3.0 g of a powder which was recrystallized from methanol/ether to give 1.8 g of crystals, m.p. 178-180 (with gas evolution).

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O•0.5H <sub>2</sub> O | 63.86%C | 5.74%H | 21.24%N |
| Found   | 63.70%C | 5.85%H | 20.84%N |

**EXAMPLE 22****N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine ethanolate**

A mixture of 4-nitro-3-fluoropyridine N-oxide (4.2 g) and 5-amino-2,3-dimethylindole (4.2 g) in 100 mL of thoroughly degassed absolute ethanol was stirred at 50°C for 30 minutes and then cooled slowly to 0°C. The precipitate was collected and air dried to give 7.3 g of N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine N<sup>5</sup>-oxide as a powder. This powder was taken up in 225 mL of isopropanol and hydrogenated at 50°C over 3% platinum on carbon at  $3.45 \times 10^5$  Pa (50 psi) in the presence of lithium hydroxide (0.21 g). Filtration and concentration left 4.7 g of a solid which was recrystallized twice from methanol giving 3.4 g of crystals. This material was then azeotroped repeatedly with absolute ethanol and dried at 85° to give 1.4 g of crystals, mp = 112-115°C.

| ANALYSIS:   |         |        |         |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Calculated for C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O | 68.43%C | 7.43%H | 18.78%N |
| Found   | 68.31%C | 7.50%H | 18.61%N |

**EXAMPLE 23****N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-7-chloro-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine**

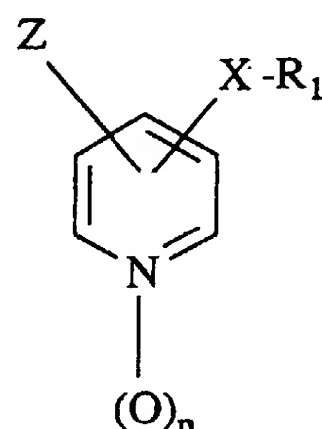
A mixture of 4-nitro-3-fluoropyridine N-oxide (1.2 g) and 5-amino-7-chloro-2,3-dimethylindole (1.4 g) in thoroughly degassed absolute ethanol was stirred at 50°C for 30 minutes and thereafter cooled slowly to 0°C. The precipitate was collected and air-dried to give 2.37 g of N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-7-chloro-2,3-dimethyl-1H-indol-5-amine N<sup>5</sup>-oxide as a powder.

This powder was added in portions to a slurry of titanium powder, prepared from 2.28 g of titanium tetrachloride and 0.45 g of lithium aluminum hydride, in tetrahydrofuran at 0°C. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for four hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with dilute ammonium hydroxide and extracted into chloroform. Evaporation of the solvent left a solid which was purified by flash chromatography to give 1.2 g of a powder, m.p. 108-110°C.

**Claims**

**Claims for the following Contracting States : AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE.**

1. A compound having the formula I,



where

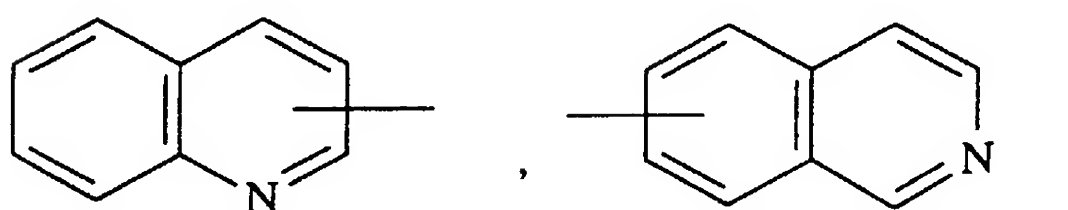
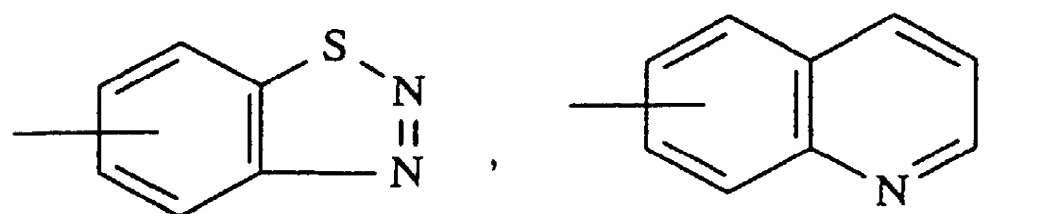
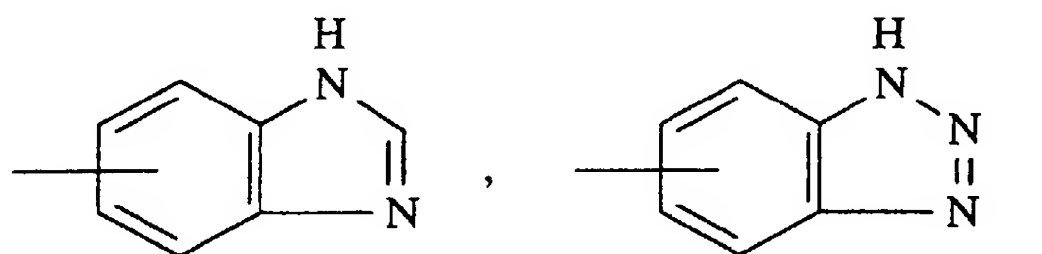
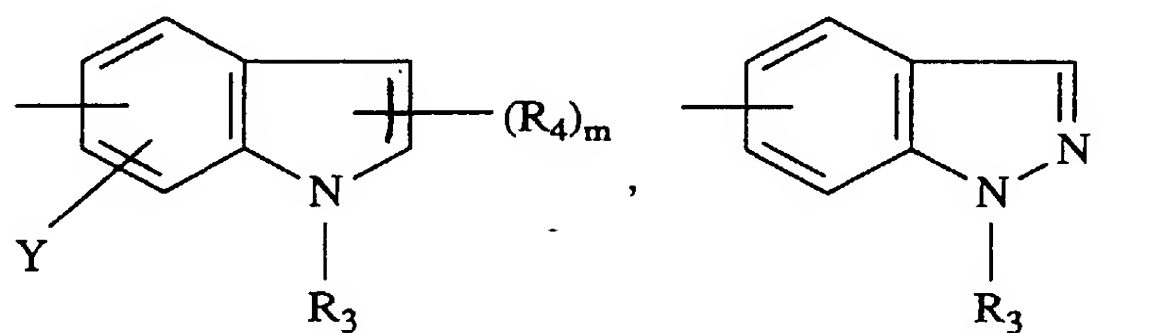
n is 0 or 1;

X is O or NR<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> being hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkylcarbonyl;

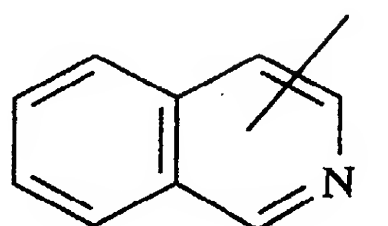
Z is NO<sub>2</sub> or NHR

where

R is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, phenyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl where the phenyl is optionally mono-substituted with a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy, halogen or trifluoromethyl group, or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkylcarbonyl; and R<sub>1</sub> is



or



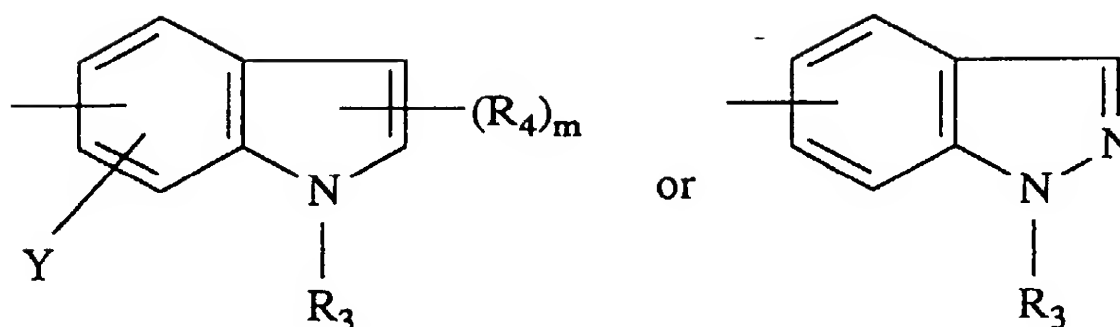
wherein R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkylcarbonyl; m is 1 or 2; each R<sub>4</sub> is independently hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl; and Y is hydrogen, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkoxy or trifluoromethyl; but excluding the compound 4-(5-nitro-2-pyridyloxy)-indol;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid salt thereof.

2. A compound as defined in claim 1, where X is O or NH, and Z is NO<sub>2</sub> or NH<sub>2</sub>.

3. A compound as defined in claim 2, where R<sub>1</sub> is





10 where Y is hydrogen or halogen, and  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  and m are as defined in claim 1.

4. A compound as defined in claim 3, where Y is hydrogen or chlorine,  $R_3$  is hydrogen, methyl or acetyl and  $R_4$  is hydrogen or methyl.

15 5. A compound as defined in claim 4, where n is O and Z is  $NH_2$ .

6. The compound as defined in claim 5, which is N-(4-amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

20 7. The compound as defined in claim 5, which is 3-[(1H-indol-5-yl)oxy]-4-pyridin-amine or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof.

8. A compound as defined in claim 4 where n is 1 and Z is  $NO_2$ .

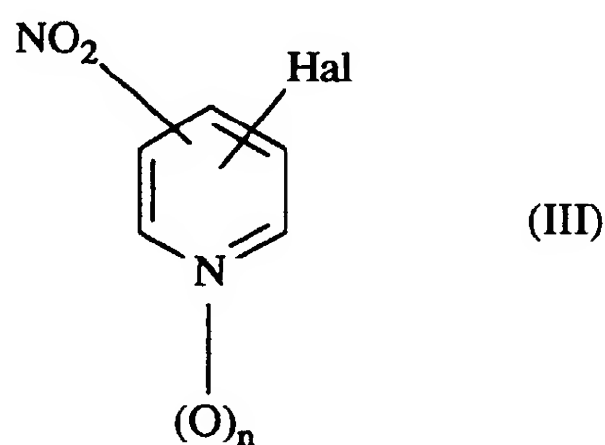
25 9. The compound as defined in claim 8, which is N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amine,  $N^5$ -oxide.

10. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as the active ingredient a compound as defined in claim 1 and a suitable carrier therefor.

30 11. Use of a compound as defined in claim 1 for the preparation of a medicament being effective against skin disorders.

12. A process for the preparation of a compound as defined in claim 1, which comprises

35 a) reacting a compound of the formula III



50 where Hal is F or Cl and n is as defined in claim 1 with a compound of the formula  $R_1-OH$  or  $R_1-OM$ , where  $R_1$  is as defined in claim 1 and M is Li, Na or K, to afford a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and n are as defined, X is O and Z is  $NO_2$ , or

b) reacting a compound of the formula III with  $R_1-NH_2$  where  $R_1$  is as defined in claim 1, to afford a compound of the formula I where  $R_1$  and n are as defined, X is NH and Z is  $NO_2$ ,

55 c) optionally reacting a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and n are as defined in claim 1, X is NH and Z is  $NO_2$ , with a compound of the formula  $R_2-Hal$  where Hal is Cl or Br and  $R_2$  is  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylcarbonyl, to afford a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and n are as defined, X is  $NR_2$ ,  $R_2$  being as defined and Z is  $NO_2$ ,

d) optionally selectively hydrogenating a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and X are as defined in claim 1, n is 1 and Z is  $\text{NO}_2$ , to afford a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and X are as defined, n is 1 and Z is  $\text{NH}_2$ , or

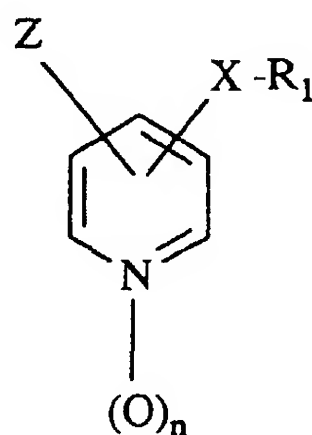
e) optionally catalytically hydrogenating a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and X are as defined in claim 1, n is 1 and Z is  $\text{NO}_2$ , to afford a compound of the formula I, where X and  $R_1$  are as defined, n is 0 and Z is  $\text{NH}_2$ ,

f) optionally reacting a compound of the formula I, where X,  $R_1$  and n are as defined in claim 1, and Z is  $\text{NH}_2$ , with a compound of the formula  $R_5\text{-Hal}$ , where  $R_5$  is  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkyl}$ , phenyl- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkyl}$  where the phenyl is optionally mono-substituted with a  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkoxy}$ , halogen or trifluoromethyl group, or  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkylcarbonyl}$  and Hal is Br or Cl, to afford a compound of the formula I, where X,  $R_1$  and n are as defined and Z is  $\text{NHR}_5$  where  $R_5$  is as defined

g) optionally reducing a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and X are as defined in claim 1, n is 1 and Z is  $\text{NO}_2$ , with a titanium (0) reagent to afford a compound of the formula I where  $R_1$  and X are as defined, n is 0 and Z is  $\text{NH}_2$ .

#### Claims for the following Contracting States : ES, GR

1. A process for the preparation of a compound of the formula I,



where

n is 0 or 1;

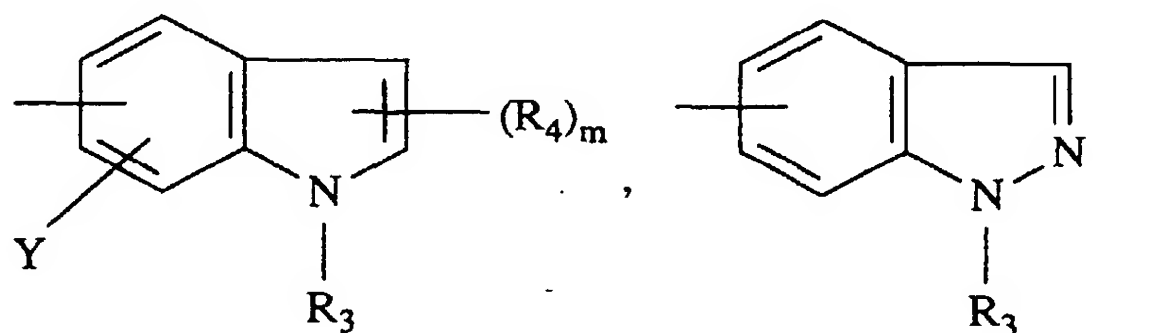
X is O or  $\text{NR}_2$ ,  $R_2$  being hydrogen,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkyl}$  or  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkylcarbonyl}$ ;

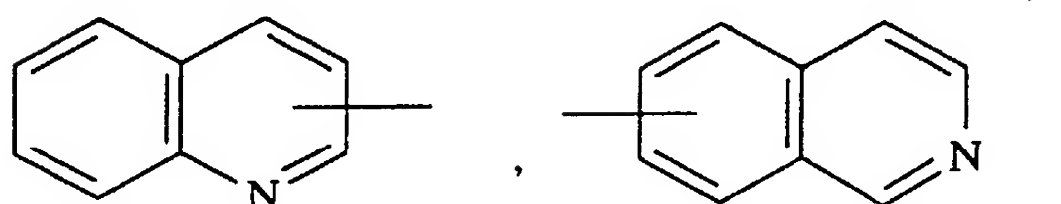
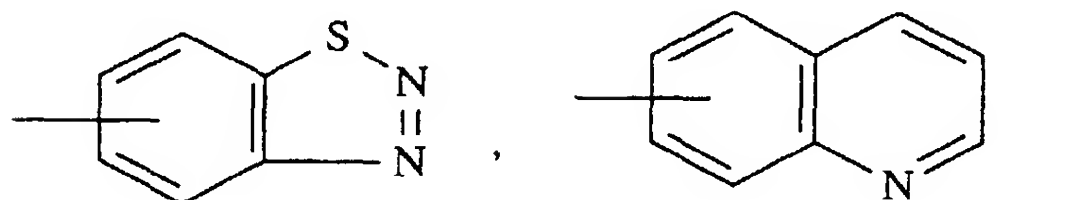
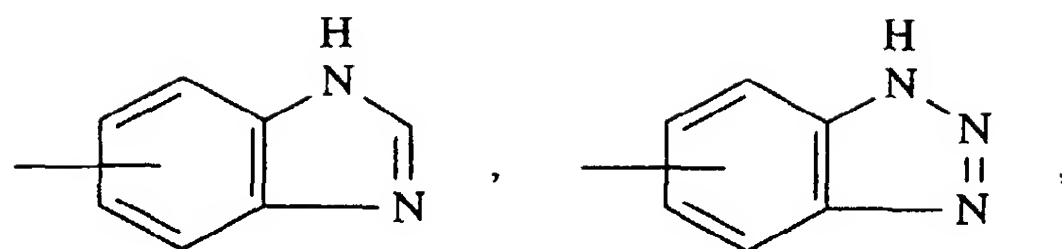
Z is  $\text{NO}_2$  or  $\text{NHR}$

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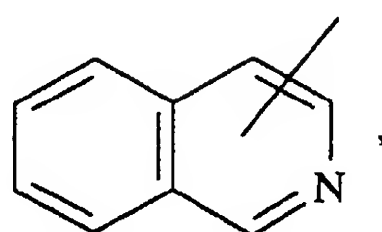
R is hydrogen,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkyl}$ , phenyl- $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkyl}$  where the phenyl is optionally mono-substituted with a  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkoxy}$ , halogen or trifluoromethyl group, or  $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6)\text{-alkylcarbonyl}$ ; and

$R_1$  is





or



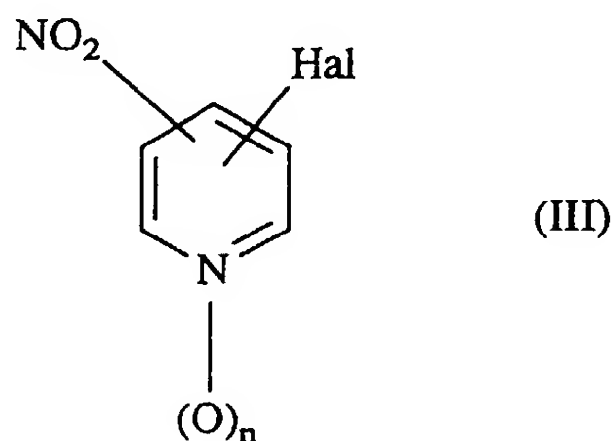
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wherein  $R_3$  is hydrogen,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylcarbonyl;  $m$  is 1 or 2; each  $R_4$  is independently hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl; and  $Y$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy or trifluoromethyl; but excluding the compound 4-(5-nitro-pyridyloxy)-indol;

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid salt thereof which comprises

a) reacting a compound of the formula III



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where  $Hal$  is F or Cl and  $n$  is as defined-above with a compound of the formula  $R_1-OH$  or  $R_1-OM$ , where  $R_1$  is as defined above and  $M$  is Li, Na or K, to afford a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and  $n$  are as defined,  $X$  is O and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$ , or

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b) reacting a compound of the formula III with  $R_1-NH_2$  where  $R_1$  is as defined above, to afford a compound of the formula I where  $R_1$  and  $n$  are as defined,  $X$  is NH and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$ ,

c) optionally reacting a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and  $n$  are as defined above,  $X$  is  $NH$  and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$ , with a compound of the formula  $R_2-Hal$  where  $Hal$  is  $Cl$  or  $Br$  and  $R_2$  is  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylcarbonyl, to afford a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and  $n$  are as defined,  $X$  is  $NR_2$ ,  $R_2$  being as defined and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$ ,

d) optionally selectively hydrogenating a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and  $X$  are as defined above,  $n$  is 1 and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$ , to afford a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and  $X$  are as defined,  $n$  is 1 and  $Z$  is  $NH_2$ , or

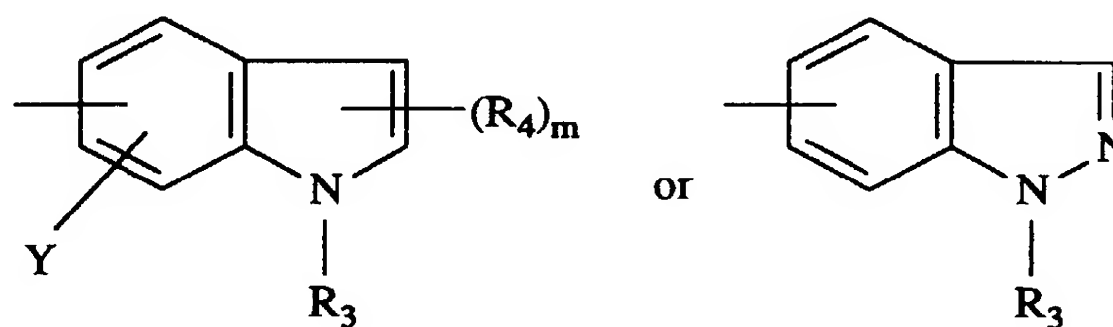
e) optionally catalytically hydrogenating a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and  $X$  are as defined above,  $n$  is 1 and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$ , to afford a compound of the formula I, where  $X$  and  $R_1$  are as defined,  $n$  is 0 and  $Z$  is  $NH_2$ ,

f) optionally reacting a compound of the formula I, where  $X$ ,  $R_1$  and  $n$  are as defined above, and  $Z$  is  $NH_2$ , with a compound of the formula  $R_5-Hal$ , where  $R_5$  is  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl, phenyl- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl where the phenyl is optionally mono-substituted with a  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy, halogen or trifluoromethyl group, or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylcarbonyl and  $Hal$  is  $Br$  or  $Cl$ , to afford a compound of the formula I, where  $X$ ,  $R_1$  and  $n$  are as defined and  $Z$  is  $NHR_5$  where  $R_5$  is as defined,

g) optionally reducing a compound of the formula I, where  $R_1$  and  $X$  are as defined above,  $n$  is 1 and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$ , with a titanium (0) reagent to afford a compound of the formula I where  $R_1$  and  $X$  are as defined,  $n$  is 0 and  $Z$  is  $NH_2$ .

2. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein  $X$  is 0 or  $NH$ , and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$  or  $NH_2$ .

3. A process as defined in claim 2, where  $R_1$  is



where  $Y$  is hydrogen or halogen, and  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  and  $m$  are as defined in claim 1.

4. A process as defined in claim 3, where  $Y$  is hydrogen or chlorine,  $R_3$  is hydrogen, methyl or acetyl and  $R_4$  is hydrogen or methyl.

5. A process as defined in claim 4, where  $n$  is 0 and  $Z$  is  $NH_2$ .

6. The process as defined in claim 5, wherein  $N$ -(4-amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amine or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is prepared.

7. The process as defined in claim 5, wherein 3-[(1H-indol-5-yl)oxy]-4-pyridin-amine or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof is prepared.

8. A process as defined in claim 4 where  $n$  is 1 and  $Z$  is  $NO_2$ .

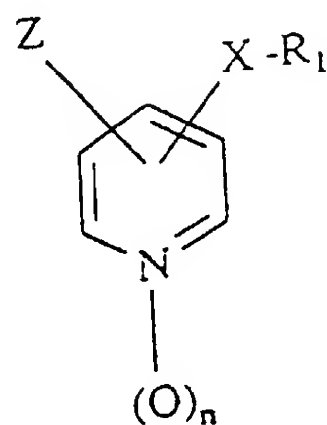
9. The process as defined in claim 8, wherein  $N$ -(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amine,  $N^5$ -oxide is prepared.

10. Use of a compound as defined in claim 1 for the preparation of a medicament being effective against skin disorders.

## Patentansprüche

Patentansprüche für folgende Vertragsstaaten : AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE

1. Verbindung der Formel I



in welcher

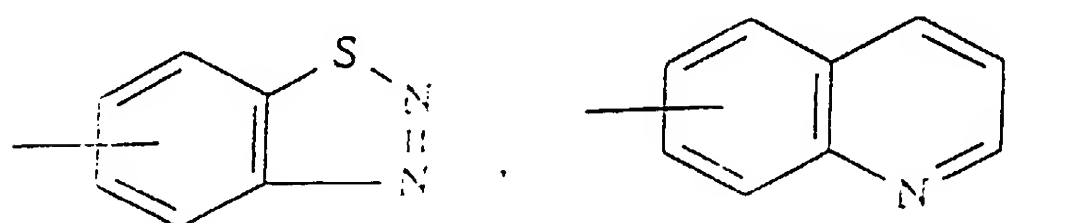
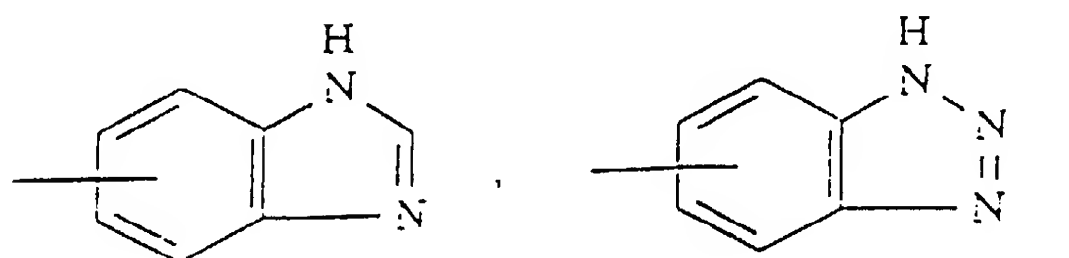
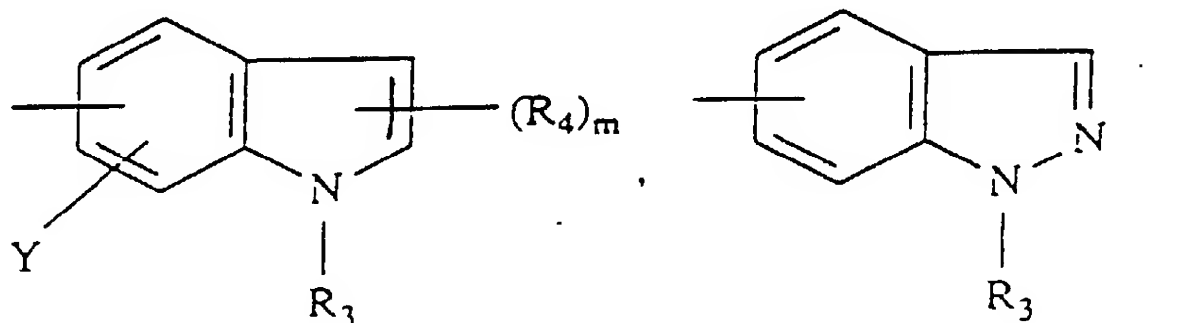
$n$  gleich 0 oder 1 ist;

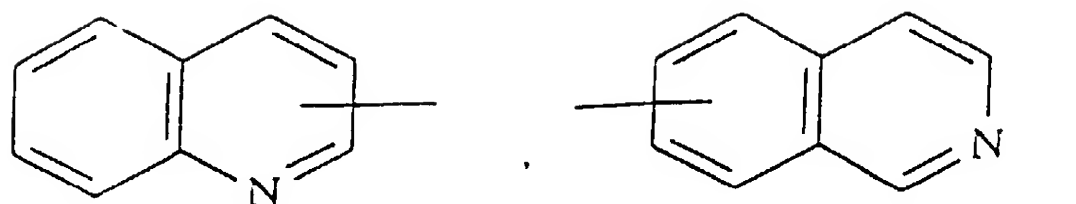
$X$  für  $O$  oder  $NR_2$  steht, wobei  $R_2$  Wasserstoff,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl oder  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkylcarbonyl bezeichnet;

$Z$  für  $NO_2$  oder  $NHR$  steht,

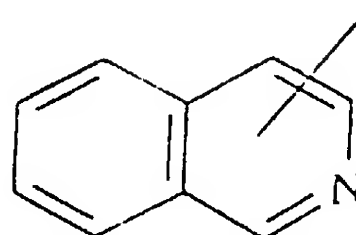
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$R$  für Wasserstoff,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl, Phenyl- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl, wobei Phenyl wahlweise durch eine  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl-,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkoxy-, Halogen- oder Trifluormethylgruppe monosubstituiert ist, oder  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkylcarbonyl steht; und  $R_1$  für





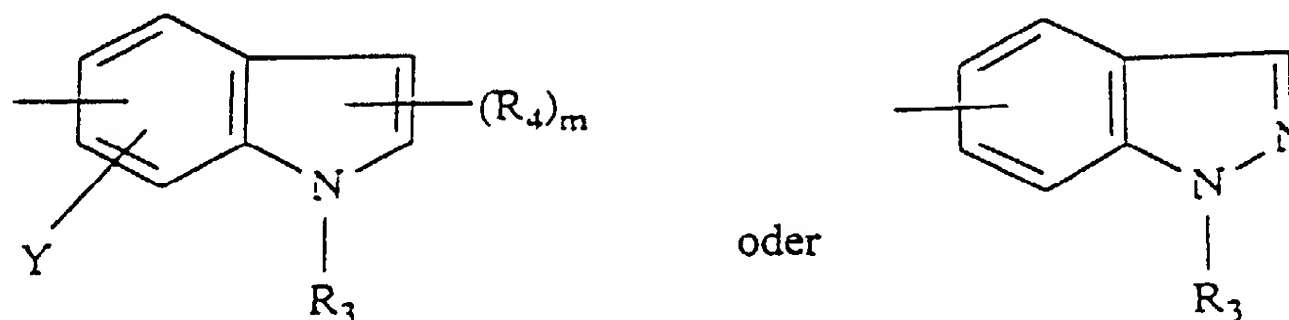
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steht, wobei  $R_3$  für Wasserstoff,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl oder  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkylcarbonyl steht;  $m$  gleich 1 oder ist; jedes  $R_4$  unabhängig voneinander für Wasserstoff oder  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl steht; und  $Y$  für Wasserstoff, Halogen,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkoxy oder Trifluormethyl steht; jedoch ausgenommen die Verbindung 4-(5-Nitro-2-pyridyloxy)-indol; oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Säuresalz davon.

2. Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 1, wobei  $X$  für O oder NH steht und  $Z$   $NO_2$  oder  $NH_2$  bezeichnet.

3. Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 2, wobei  $R_1$  für



steht, dabei bezeichnet  $Y$  Wasserstoff oder Halogen, und  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  und  $m$  kommt die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zu.

4. Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 3, wobei  $Y$  für Wasserstoff oder Chlor steht,  $R_3$  Wasserstoff, Methyl oder Acetyl bezeichnet und  $R_4$  Wasserstoff oder Methyl ist.

5. Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 4, wobei  $n$  gleich 0 ist und  $Z$  für  $NH_2$  steht.

6. Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 5, die N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amin oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Säureadditionssalz davon ist.

7. Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 5, die 3-[(1H-indol-5-yl)oxy]-4-pyridinamin oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Säureadditionssalz davon ist.

8. Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 4, wobei  $n$  gleich 1 ist und  $Z$  für  $NO_2$  steht.

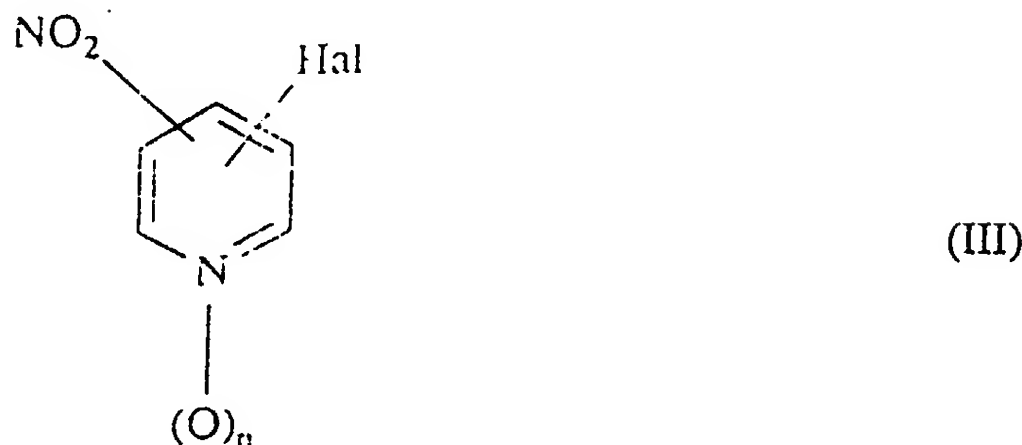
9. Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 8, die N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amin,  $N^5$ -Oxid ist.

10. Pharmazeutische Zusammensetzung, umfassend eine Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 1 als Wirkstoff und eine geeignete Trägersubstanz dafür.

11. Verwendung einer Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 1 zur Herstellung eines Arzneimittels, das gegen Hauterkrankungen wirksam ist.

12. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 1, umfassend

a) die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel III



in welcher Hal für F oder Cl steht und n die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, mit einer Verbindung der Formel  $R_1\text{-OH}$  oder  $R_1\text{-OM}$ , wobei  $R_1$  die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt und M für Li, Na oder K steht, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und n die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, X gleich 0 ist und Z für  $\text{NO}_2$  steht, oder

b) die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel III mit  $R_1\text{-NH}_2$ , in der  $R_1$  die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und n die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, X für NH und Z für  $\text{NO}_2$  steht,

c) wahlweise die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der  $R_1$  und n die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, X für NH steht und Z  $\text{NO}_2$  ist, mit einer Verbindung der Formel  $R_2\text{-Hal}$ , in der Hal für Cl oder Br steht und  $R_2$  ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-Alkyl oder ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-Alkylcarbonyl bezeichnet, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und n die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, X für  $\text{NR}_2$  steht, wobei  $R_2$  die genannte Bedeutung hat, und Z für  $\text{NO}_2$  steht,

d) wahlweise die selektive Hydrierung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und X die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, n gleich 1 ist und Z für  $\text{NO}_2$  steht, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und X die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, n gleich 1 ist und Z für  $\text{NH}_2$  steht, oder

e) wahlweise die katalytische Hydrierung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und X die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, n gleich 1 ist und Z für  $\text{NO}_2$  steht, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher X und  $R_1$  die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, n gleich 0 ist und Z für  $\text{NH}_2$  steht,

f) wahlweise die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der X,  $R_1$  und n die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt und Z für  $\text{NH}_2$  steht, mit einer Verbindung der Formel  $R_5\text{-Hal}$ , in der  $R_5$  für ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-Alkyl, Phenyl- ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-alkyl, wobei Phenyl wahlweise durch eine ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-Alkyl-, ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-Alkoxy-, Halogen- oder Trifluormethylgruppe monosubstituiert ist, oder ( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-Alkylcarbonyl steht und Hal Br oder Cl bezeichnet, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher X,  $R_1$  und n die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt und Z für  $\text{NHR}_5$  steht, wobei  $R_5$  die genannte Bedeutung hat,

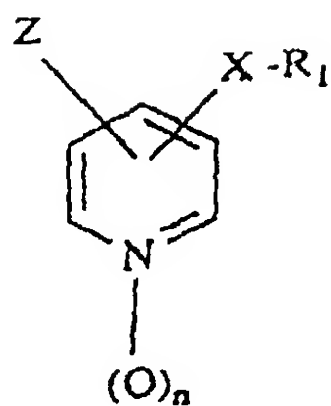
g) wahlweise die Reduktion einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der  $R_1$  und X die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, n gleich 1 ist und Z für  $\text{NO}_2$  steht, mit einem Titan(0)-Reagenz zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und X die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, n gleich 0 ist und Z für  $\text{NH}_2$  steht.

#### Patentansprüche für folgende Vertragsstaaten : ES, GR

1. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I

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in welcher

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n gleich 0 oder ist;

X für O oder NR<sub>2</sub> steht, R<sub>2</sub> Wasserstoff, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-Alkyl oder (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-Alkylcarbonyl bezeichnet;

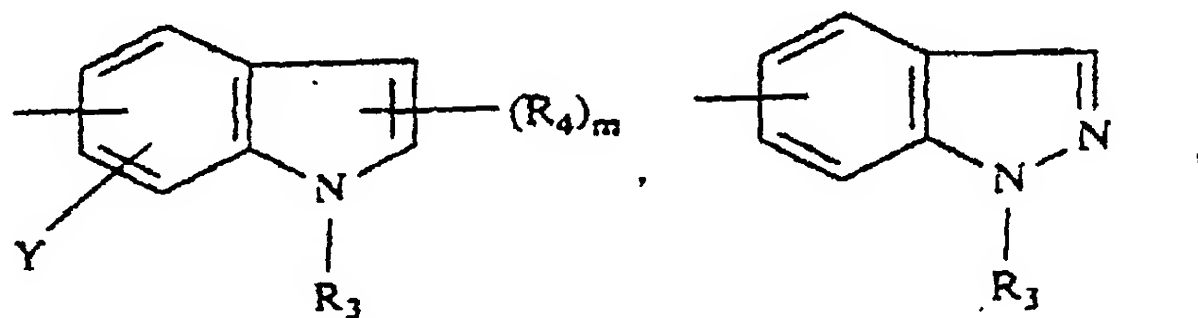
Z für NO<sub>2</sub> oder NHR steht,

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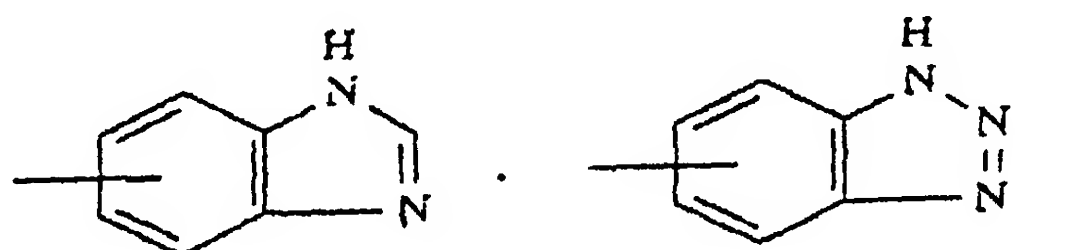
R für Wasserstoff, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-Alkyl, Phenyl-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, wobei Phenyl wahlweise durch eine (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-Alkyl-, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-Alkoxy-, Halogen- oder Trifluormethylgruppe monosubstituiert ist, oder (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-Alkylcarbonyl steht; und R<sub>1</sub> für

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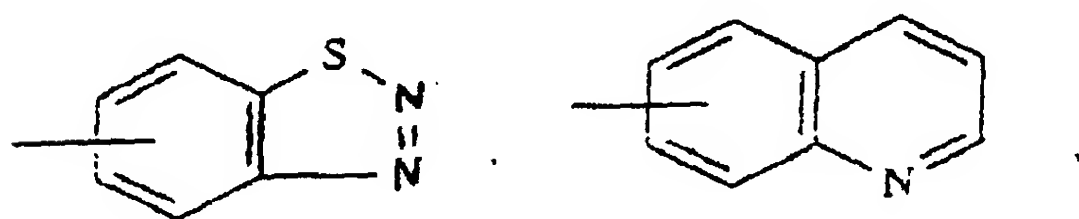


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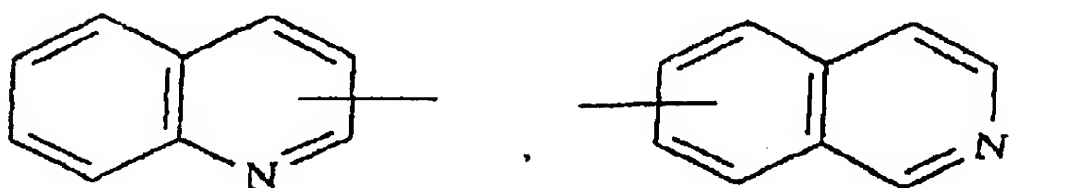


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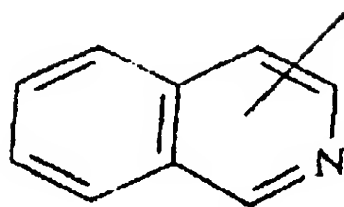
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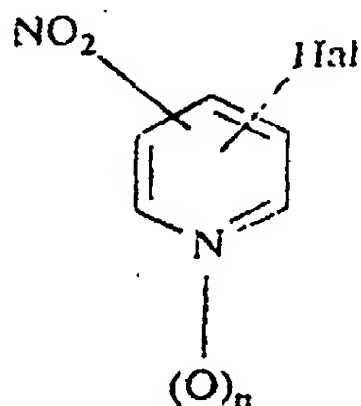
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steht, wobei  $R_3$  für Wasserstoff,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl oder  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkylcarbonyl steht;  $m$  gleich 1 oder 2 ist; jedes  $R_4$  unabhängig voneinander für Wasserstoff oder  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl steht; und  $Y$  für Wasserstoff, Halogen,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkoxy oder Trifluormethyl steht; jedoch ausgenommen die Verbindung 4-(5-Nitro-2-pyridyloxy)-indol; oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Säuresalz davon, umfassend

a) die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel III



(III)

in welcher Hal für F oder Cl steht und  $n$  die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, mit einer Verbindung der Formel  $R_1-OH$  oder  $R_1-OM$ , wobei  $R_1$  die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt und  $M$  für Li, Na oder K steht, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und  $n$  die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $X$  gleich 0 ist und  $Z$  für  $NO_2$  steht, oder

b) die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel III mit  $R_1-NH_2$ , in der  $R_1$  die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und  $n$  die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $X$  für NH und  $Z$  für  $NO_2$  steht,

c) wahlweise die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der  $R_1$  und  $n$  die vorstehend angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $X$  für NH steht und  $Z$   $NO_2$  ist, mit einer Verbindung der Formel  $R_2-Hal$ , in der Hal für Cl oder Br steht und  $R_2$   $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl oder  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkylcarbonyl bezeichnet, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und  $n$  die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $X$  für  $NR_2$  steht, wobei  $R_2$  die genannte Bedeutung hat, und  $Z$  für  $NO_2$  steht,

d) wahlweise die selektive Hydrierung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und  $X$  die vorstehend angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $n$  gleich 1 ist und  $Z$  für  $NO_2$  steht, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und  $X$  die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $n$  gleich 1 ist und  $Z$  für  $NH_2$  steht, oder

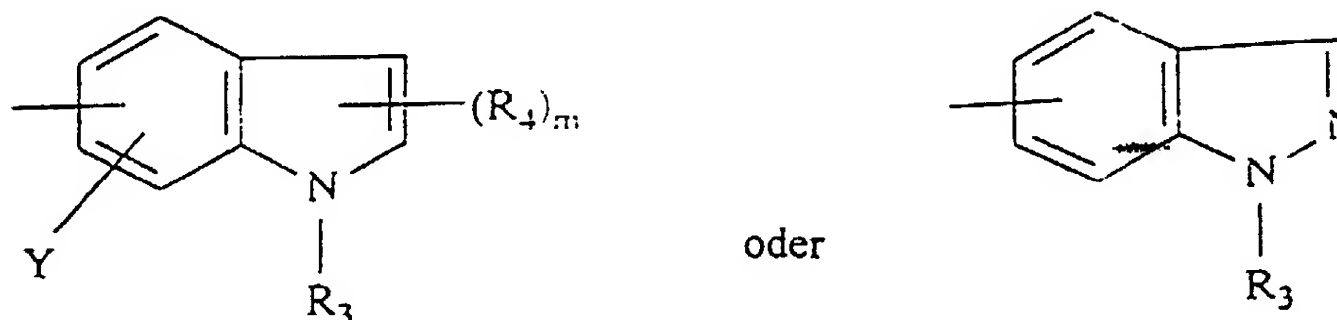
e) wahlweise die katalytische Hydrierung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und  $X$  die vorstehend angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $n$  gleich 1 ist und  $Z$  für  $NO_2$  steht, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $X$  und  $R_1$  die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $n$  gleich 0 ist und  $Z$  für  $NH_2$  steht,

f) wahlweise die Umsetzung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der  $X$ ,  $R_1$  und  $n$  die vorstehend angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt und  $Z$  für  $NH_2$  steht, mit einer Verbindung der Formel  $R_5-Hal$ , in der  $R_5$  für  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl, Phenyl- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl, wobei Phenyl wahlweise durch eine  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkyl-,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkoxy-, Halogen- oder Trifluormethylgruppe monosubstituiert ist, oder  $(C_1-C_6)$ -Alkylcarbonyl steht und Hal Br oder Cl bezeichnet, zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $X$ ,  $R_1$  und  $n$  die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt und  $Z$  für  $NHR_5$  steht, wobei  $R_5$  die genannte Bedeutung hat,

g) wahlweise die Reduktion einer Verbindung der Formel I, in der  $R_1$  und  $X$  die vorstehend angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt,  $n$  gleich 1 ist und  $Z$  für  $NO_2$  steht, mit einem Titan(0)-Reagenz zur Herstellung einer

Verbindung der Formel I, in welcher  $R_1$  und X die angewiesene Bedeutung zukommt, n gleich 0 ist und Z für  $NH_2$  steht.

2. Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 1, wobei X für O oder NH steht und Z  $NO_2$  oder  $NH_2$  bezeichnet.
3. Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 2, wobei  $R_1$  für



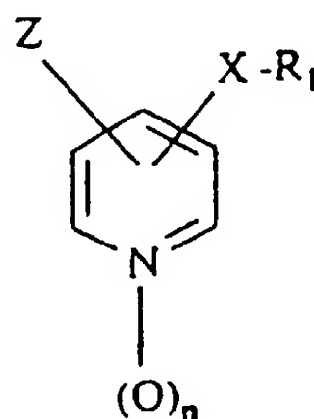
steht, dabei bezeichnet Y Wasserstoff oder Halogen, und  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  und m kommt die in Anspruch 1 angewiesene Bedeutung zu.

4. Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 3, wobei Y für Wasserstoff oder Chlor steht,  $R_3$  Wasserstoff, Methyl oder Acetyl bezeichnet und  $R_4$  Wasserstoff oder Methyl ist.
5. Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 4, wobei n gleich 0 ist und Z für  $NH_2$  steht.
6. Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 5, in dem N-(4-Amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indol-5-amin oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Säureadditionssalz davon hergestellt wird.
7. Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 5, in dem 3-[(1H-indol-5-yl)oxy]-4-pyridinamin oder ein pharmazeutisch verträgliches Säureadditionssalz davon hergestellt wird.
8. Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 4, wobei n gleich 1 ist und Z für  $NO_2$  steht.
9. Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 8, in dem N-(4-Nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazol-5-amin,  $N^5$ -Oxid hergestellt wird.
10. Verwendung einer Verbindung gemäß Anspruch 1 zur Herstellung eines Arzneimittels, das gegen Hauterkrankungen wirksam ist.

## Revendications

Revendications pour les Etats contractants suivants : AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE

1. Composé de formule I



dans laquelle

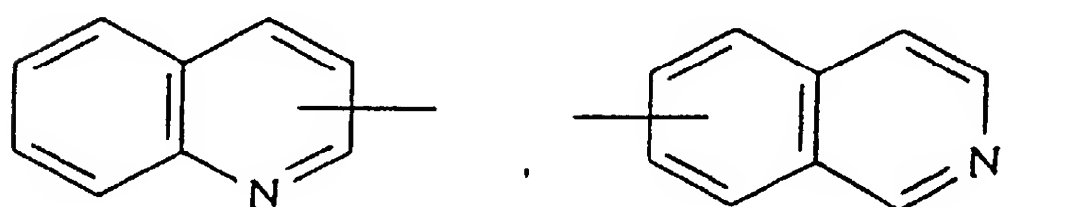
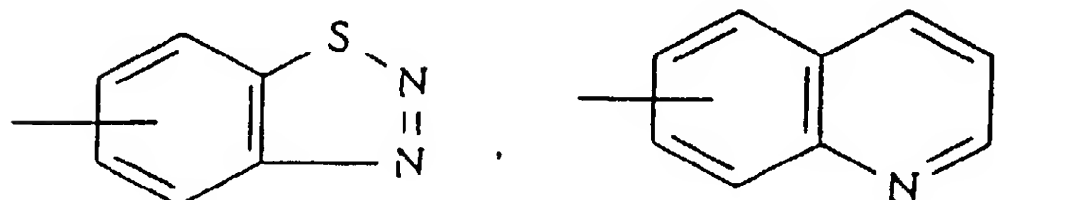
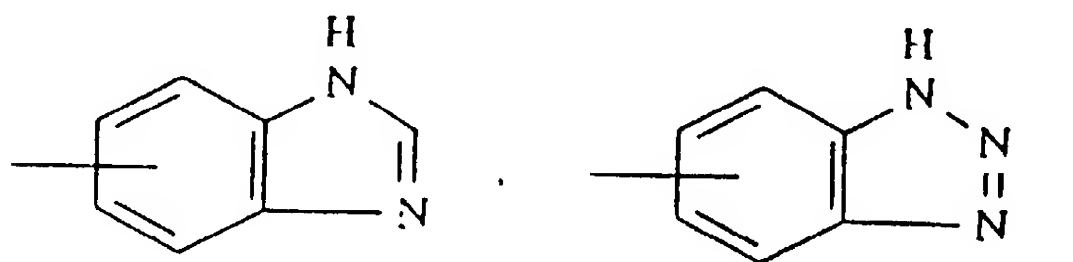
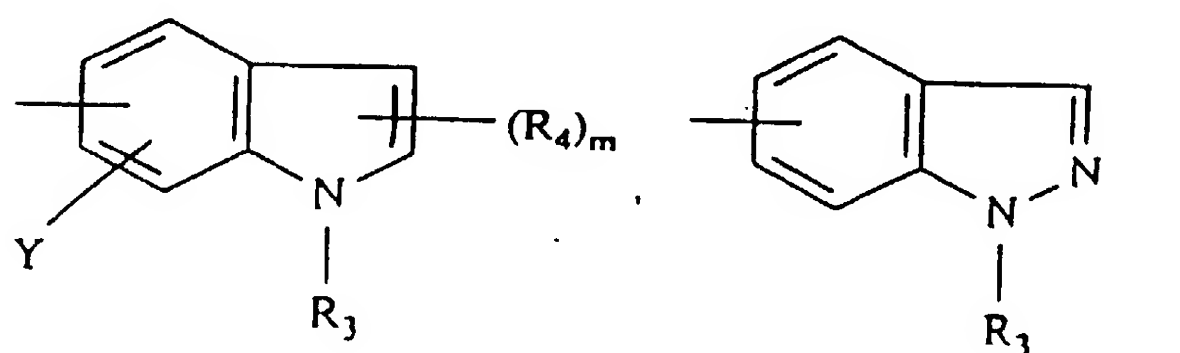
n est 0 ou 1;

X représente O ou  $\text{NR}_2$ ,  $\text{R}_2$  étant un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle en  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  ou alkyl( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-carbonyle;

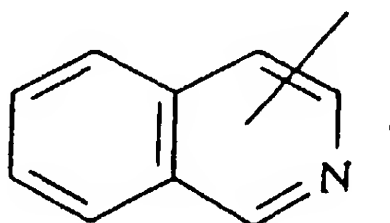
Z représente  $\text{NO}_2$  ou  $\text{NHR}$ ,

R étant un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle en  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ , phényl-alkyle( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ ) dans lequel le fragment phényle est éventuellement monosubstitué par un atome d'halogène ou par un groupe alkyle en  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ , alcoxy en  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  ou trifluorométhyle, ou alkyl( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-carbonyle, et

$\text{R}_1$  est



ou



$\text{R}_3$  étant

un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle en  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  ou alkyl( $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ )-carbonyle; m étant 1 ou 2; chaque radical  $\text{R}_4$  représentant indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle en  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ ; et Y représentant

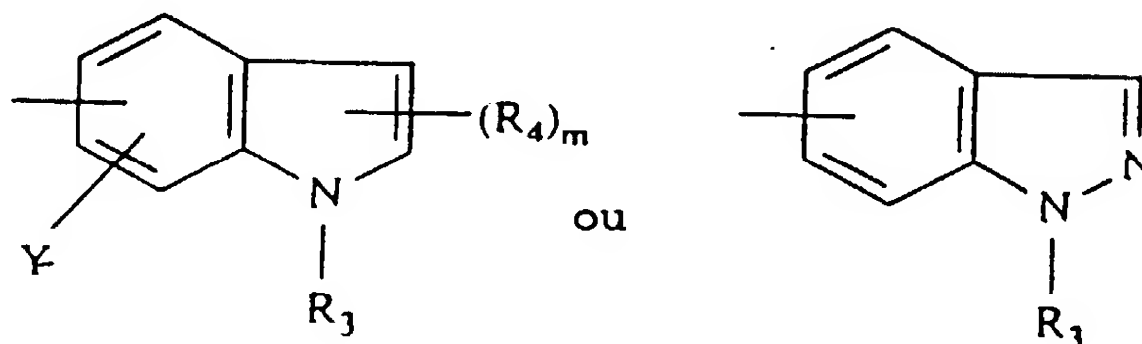
un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe alkyle en C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>, alcoxy en C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> ou trifluorométhyle;

mais à l'exclusion du composé 4-(5-nitro-2-pyridyloxy)-indole;

ou sel d'addition avec un acide pharmaceutiquement acceptable d'un tel composé.

2. Composé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel X représente O ou NH, et Z représente NO<sub>2</sub> ou NH<sub>2</sub>.

3. Composé selon la revendication 2, dans lequel R<sub>1</sub> est



Y étant un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène, et R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> et m étant tels que définis dans la revendication 1.

4. Composé selon la revendication 3, dans lequel Y est un atome d'hydrogène ou de chlore, R<sub>3</sub> est un atome d'hydrogène ou le groupe méthyle ou acétyle, et R<sub>4</sub> est un atome d'hydrogène ou le groupe méthyle.

5. Composé selon la revendication 4, dans lequel n est égal à 0 et Z est NH<sub>2</sub>.

6. Composé selon la revendication 5, qui est la N-(4-amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indole-5-amine ou un sel d'addition avec un acide pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celle-ci.

7. Composé selon la revendication 5, qui est la 3-[(1H-indole-5-yl)oxy]-4-pyridine-amine ou un sel d'addition avec un acide pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celle-ci.

8. Composé selon la revendication 4, dans lequel n est égal à 1 et Z est NO<sub>2</sub>.

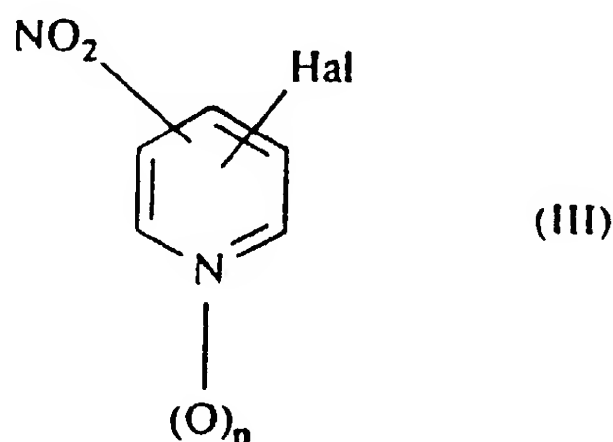
9. Composé selon la revendication 8, qui est le N<sup>5</sup>-oxyde de N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazole-5-amine.

10. Composition pharmaceutique, comprenant en tant que composant actif un composé tel que défini dans la revendication 1, et un véhicule approprié pour celui-ci.

11. Utilisation d'un composé tel que défini dans la revendication 1, pour la fabrication d'un médicament efficace contre les affections de la peau.

12. Procédé pour la préparation d'un composé selon la revendication 1, comprenant

a) la mise en réaction d'un composé de formule III



dans laquelle Hal est F ou Cl et n est tel que défini dans la revendication 1, avec un composé de formule  $R_1$ -OH ou  $R_1$ -OM, dans laquelle  $R_1$  est tel que défini dans la revendication 1 et M est Li, Na ou K, pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis, X représente O et Z représente  $NO_2$ , ou  
 b) la mise en réaction d'un composé de formule III avec  $R_1-NH_2$ ,  $R_1$  étant tel que défini dans la revendication 1, pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis, X représente NH et Z est  $NO_2$ ,

c) éventuellement la mise en réaction d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1, X représente NH et Z est  $NO_2$ , avec un composé de formule  $R_2$ -Hal, dans laquelle Hal est Cl ou Br et  $R_2$  est un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$  ou alkyl( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )-carbonyle, pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis, X est  $NR_2$ ,  $R_2$  étant tel que défini et Z est  $NO_2$ ,

d) éventuellement l'hydrogénation sélective d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1, n est égal à 1 et Z représente  $NO_2$ , pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis, n est égal à 1 et Z est  $NH_2$ , ou

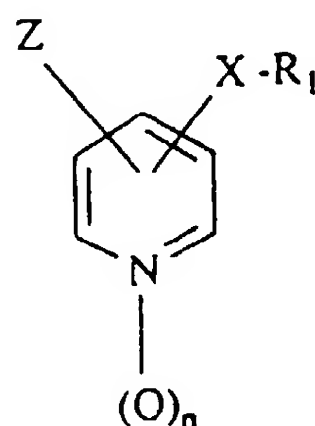
e) éventuellement l'hydrogénation catalytique d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1, n est égal à 1 et Z représente  $NO_2$ , pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel X et  $R_1$  sont tels que définis, n est égal à 0 et Z est  $NH_2$ ,

f) éventuellement la mise en réaction d'un composé de formule I dans lequel X,  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1, et Z est  $NH_2$ , avec un composé de formule  $R_5$ -Hal, dans laquelle  $R_5$  est un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$  ou phényl-alkyle( $C_1$ - $C_6$ ) dans lequel le fragment phényle est éventuellement monosubstitué par un atome d'halogène ou par un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$ , alcoxy en  $C_1$ - $C_6$  ou trifluorométhyle, ou alkyl( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )-carbonyle, et Hal est Br ou Cl, pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel X,  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis et Z est  $NHR_5$ ,  $R_5$  étant tel que défini,

g) éventuellement la réduction d'un composé de formule I, dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis dans la revendication 1, n est égal à 1 et Z représente  $NO_2$ , avec un réactif à base de titane-(0), pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis, n est égal à 0 et Z est  $NH_2$ .

#### Revendications pour les Etats contractants suivants : ES, GR

#### 1. Procédé pour la préparation d'un composé de formule I



dans laquelle

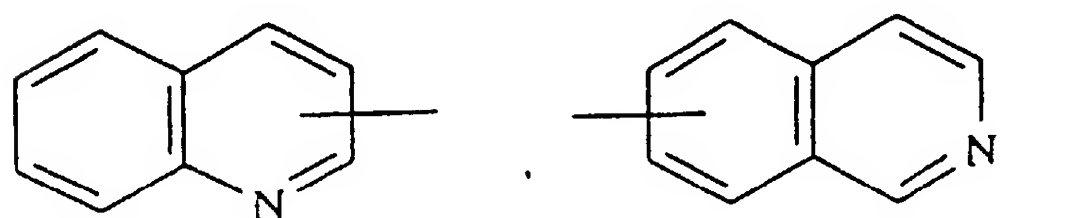
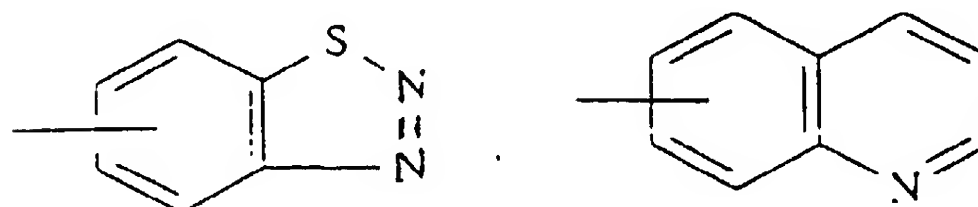
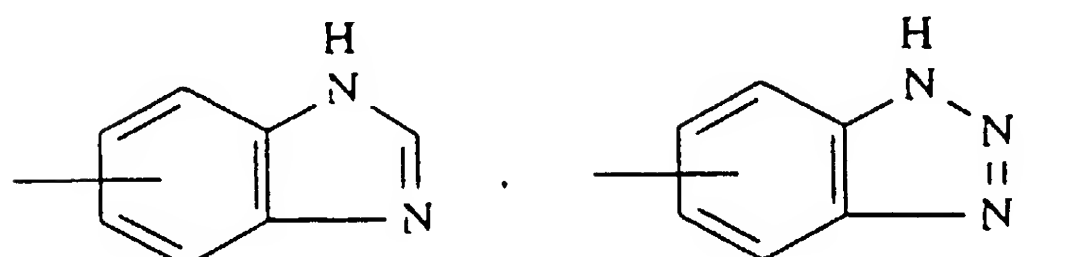
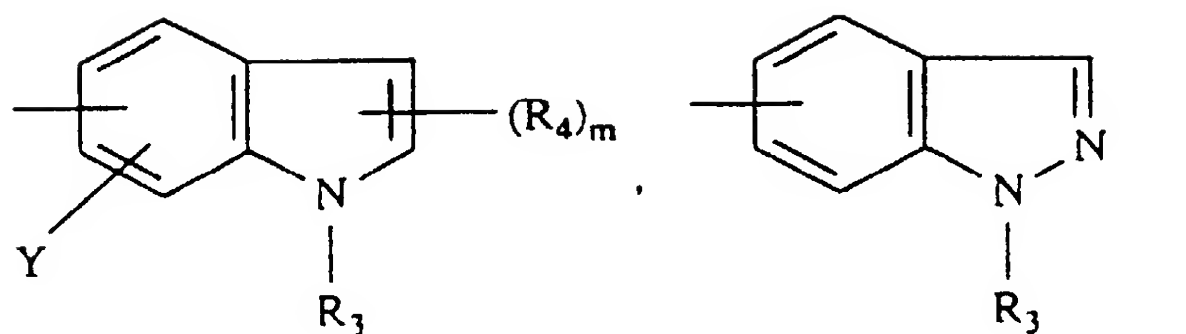
n est 0 ou 1;

X représente O ou  $NR_2$ ,  $R_2$  étant un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$  ou alkyl( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )-carbonyle;

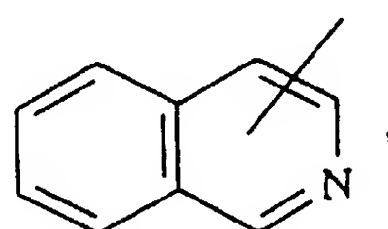
Z représente  $NO_2$  ou  $NHR$ ,

R étant un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$ , phényl-alkyle( $C_1$ - $C_6$ ) dans lequel le fragment phényle est éventuellement monosubstitué par un atome d'halogène ou par un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$ , alcoxy en  $C_1$ - $C_6$  ou trifluorométhyle, ou alkyl( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )-carbonyle, et

$R_1$  est



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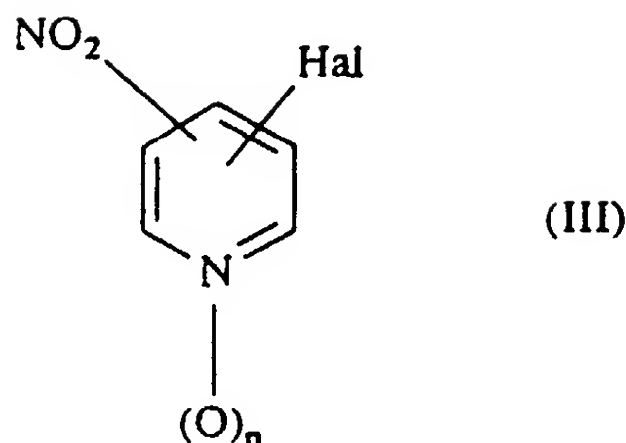


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R<sub>3</sub> étant un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle en C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> ou alkyl(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-carbonyle; m étant 1 ou 2; chaque radical R<sub>4</sub> représentant indépendamment un atome d'hydrogène ou un groupe alkyle en C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>; et Y représentant un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe alkyle en C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>, alcoxy en C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> ou trifluorométhyle;

mais à l'exclusion du composé 4-(5-nitro-2-pyridyloxy)-indole;  
ou d'un sel d'addition avec un acide pharmaceutiquement acceptable d'un tel composé, comprenant

55 a) la mise en réaction d'un composé de formule III



15 dans laquelle Hal est F ou Cl et n est tel que défini plus haut, avec un composé de formule  $R_1$ -OH ou  $R_1$ -OM, dans laquelle  $R_1$  est tel que défini plus haut et M est Li, Na ou K, pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis, X représente O et Z représente  $NO_2$ , ou

b) la mise en réaction d'un composé de formule III avec  $R_1$ - $NH_2$ ,  $R_1$  étant tel que défini plus haut, pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis, X représente NH et Z est  $NO_2$ ,

20 c) éventuellement la mise en réaction d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis plus haut, X représente NH et Z est  $NO_2$ , avec un composé de formule  $R_2$ -Hal, dans laquelle Hal est Cl ou Br et  $R_2$  est un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$  ou alkyl( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )-carbonyle, pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis, X est  $NR_2$ ,  $R_2$  étant tel que défini et Z est  $NO_2$ ,

25 d) éventuellement l'hydrogénation sélective d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis plus haut, n est égal à 1 et Z représente  $NO_2$ , pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis, n est égal à 1 et Z est  $NH_2$ , ou

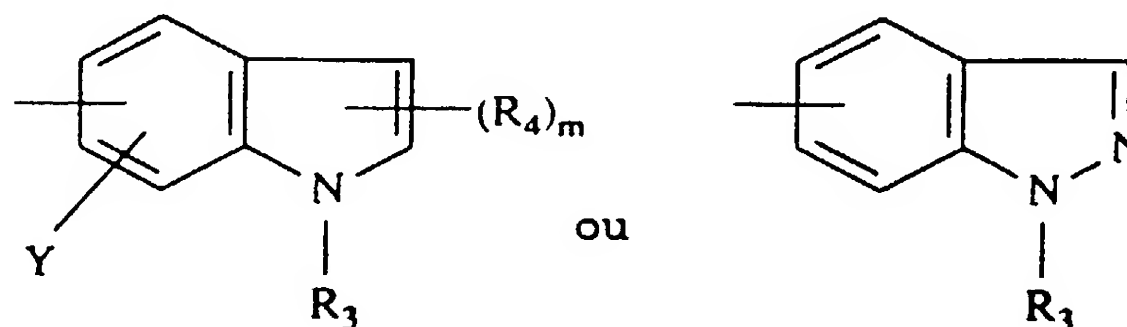
e) éventuellement l'hydrogénation catalytique d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis plus haut, n est égal à 1 et Z représente  $NO_2$ , pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel X et  $R_1$  sont tels que définis, n est égal à 0 et Z est  $NH_2$ ,

30 f) éventuellement la mise en réaction d'un composé de formule I dans lequel X,  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis plus haut, et Z est  $NH_2$ , avec un composé de formule  $R_5$ -Hal, dans laquelle  $R_5$  est un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$  ou phényl-alkyle( $C_1$ - $C_6$ ) dans lequel le fragment phényle est éventuellement monosubstitué par un atome d'halogène ou par un groupe alkyle en  $C_1$ - $C_6$ , alcoxy en  $C_1$ - $C_6$  ou trifluorométhyle, ou alkyl( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )-carbonyle, et Hal est Br ou Cl, pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel X,  $R_1$  et n sont tels que définis et Z est  $NHR_5$ ,  $R_5$  étant tel que défini,

35 g) éventuellement la réduction d'un composé de formule I, dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis plus haut, n est égal à 1 et Z représente  $NO_2$ , avec un réactif à base de titane(0), pour l'obtention d'un composé de formule I dans lequel  $R_1$  et X sont tels que définis, n est égal à 0 et Z est  $NH_2$ .

40 2. Procédé selon la revendication 1, dans lequel X représente O ou NH, et Z représente  $NO_2$  ou  $NH_2$ .

3. Procédé selon la revendication 2, dans lequel  $R_1$  est



Y étant un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène, et  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$  et m étant tels que définis dans la revendication 1.

55 4. Procédé selon la revendication 3, dans lequel Y est un atome d'hydrogène ou de chlore,  $R_3$  est un atome d'hydrogène ou le groupe méthyle ou acétyle, et  $R_4$  est un atome d'hydrogène ou le groupe méthyle.

5. Procédé selon la revendication 4, dans lequel n est égal à 0 et Z est  $NH_2$ .

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6. Procédé selon la revendication 5, dans lequel on prépare la N-(4-amino-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indole-5-amine ou un sel d'addition avec un acide pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celle-ci.
7. Procédé selon la revendication 5, dans lequel on prépare la 3-[(1H-indole-5-yl)oxy]-4-pyridine-amine ou un sel d'addition avec un acide pharmaceutiquement acceptable de celle-ci.
8. Procédé selon la revendication 4, dans lequel n est égal à 1 et Z est NO<sub>2</sub>.
9. Procédé selon la revendication 8, dans lequel on prépare le N<sup>5</sup>-oxyde de N-(4-nitro-3-pyridinyl)-1H-indazole-5-amine.
10. Utilisation d'un composé tel que défini dans la revendication 1, pour la fabrication d'un médicament efficace contre les affections de la peau.